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Indeed, it has been some time since LOTTO MAX has had such an offering. And an informal poll on the streets of the nation shows Canadians are loving their chances. "Even if I don't win the big one, I still have 50 chances at a million!" says Julia Auriemma. "That's a heck of a consolation prize!"

To talk about the rarity of winning $50 million dollar jackpot, we found a good actuarial scientist. Unfortunately, all the actuarial scientists we know were all out buying LOTTO MAX tickets. I guess we got our answer. Many of the potential millionaires we spoke to suggested they would be happy just winning $1 million dollars.

But when pressed as far as to turn down $50 million, they would go so far as to say they may not be conclusive. These findings may not be conclusive, but colleagues here in the country are talking about this historic draw, so we will be bringing you updates as they come. It's great country.

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Fred Fugen BASE jumped 1,800 feet from the CN Tower Wednesday morning, wearing "Toronto 2015" pants in the colours of the Pan Am Games. More in metroNEWS. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Time to lower our Gardiner

CRUNCH TIME FOR GARDINER

The evidence is clear: Mayor Tory, tear down this expressway

Matt Elliott
Metro | Toronto

The reports are in on the Gardiner. The analysis is done. The numbers have been crunched and crunched again.

And all of it points to the same conclusion: When Mayor John Tory and 44 other members of council meet on June 10, they should vote to remove the eastern part of the Gardiner between Jarvis Street and the Don Valley Parkway.

Tear it down, and don't look back — the reasons why aren't complicated.

There's the money. Maintaining the elevated expressway connection is far more costly, requiring about $500 million more in construction and maintenance costs compared to simply removing it and building a University Avenue-like boulevard.

Then there's congestion. On this, the studies are in agreement. With reasonable signal timing along the replacement boulevard, the impact on commuters in 2031 will represent about two to three minutes of additional delay in the morning rush hour when compared to maintaining the elevated connection. How much is avoiding a two- or three-minute delay really worth?

And finally, there's the relatively small number of people who actually use the east Gardiner. Traffic on this section represents just three per cent of morning commutes to downtown, according to a city traffic analysis. In comparison, GO and TTC ridership represent 68 per cent.

It doesn't take an expert to ask: "Wouldn't investing a half-billion dollars on service for those transit riders mean more benefit for more people?"

The evidence says yes.

But two weeks before the vote, that evidence doesn't seem clear to everyone at city hall, including Mayor Tory.

Based on public statements, inside sources and council voting patterns, my vote projection currently predicts that 19 members of council, including Tory, are in favour of the "hybrid option," which would see the elevated highway maintained, with some modifications to ramp-placement that would allow for development east of the Don River.

At this point, 12 councillors are firmly on the other side, and appear ready to support removing the elevated highway and replacing it with an eight-lane boulevard.

That leaves 14 undecided.

With 23 votes needed to win a vote, these undecided councillors will ultimately decide what happens.

It's not a decision to be taken lightly. Once made, there's no going back. The outcome will define Toronto's lakefront and transportation network for at least 100 years.

More than that, however, the decision will also indicate what kind of city our political leaders want Toronto to be.

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STRIKE

High-schoolers are back in classrooms

Thousands of high school students returned to class Wednesday after weeks-long teacher strikes ended, though tensions between the teachers and the Liberal government have only increased.

High schools in Durham and Peel and the Sudbury-area Rainbow District reopened after the Ontario Labour Relations Board ruled the strikes illegal Tuesday evening.

The labour relations board ordered a two-week moratorium on the strikes, so the Liberal government is proceeding with back-to-work legislation, as it bans strikes in those boards for the rest of the school year.

70,000

More than 70,000 students headed back to class on Wednesday.

"The OLRB ruling, while it's gotten the kids back in the class and that's a good thing, it actually leaves it open to the teachers to resume their strike on June 10th and clearly that's not acceptable,'' said Education Minister Liz Sandals.

Minutes after she made those remarks, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation issued a statement saying they would indeed resume the three local strikes on June 10. They will not be able to do so legally once the back-to-work legislation passes. A vote is expected Thursday.

"We emphatically maintain that these strikes have always been about local issues, and our members in Durham, Rainbow and Peel will be back on the picket lines on June 10," OSSTF president Paul Elliott said in a statement.

Sandals said that "certainly explains" why the government is still going ahead with the back-to-work legislation.

Labour board chair Bernard Fishbein sided with the school boards in concluding the three local strikes were, at least in part, on the central issue of class sizes. The two-week moratorium was an opportunity for the union to "cleanse" the local strikes of central issues.

The school year will not be extended as it could interfere with students' plans for summer jobs, Sandals said.

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VOTING

Consultation looms on ranked ballots

Are you still on the fence about first past the post?

Almost two years after Toronto city council asked the province for permission to use ranked ballots in municipal elections, Queen's Park has finally launched a review of the Election Act.

"The province will be introducing changes in the fall, including allowing municipalities to use ranked ballots, and they want to make sure they're hearing from voters," said Dave Meslin, an electoral reform activist in Toronto.

To kick off the consultation process, Meslin and his colleagues are hosting a series of events aimed at educating residents about ranked ballots.

"Some people say it's complicated, but I don't think it is," Meslin said. "All you have to do is rank your choices, one, two and three."

INFO SESSION

A "crash course" on ranked ballots is planned for Friday at 7 p.m. at the Centre for Social Innovation's Annex location (730 Bathurst St.). There will be speakers and cocktails. For more information, visit 123toronto.ca.

Under a ranked ballot system, any candidate with a majority of first-place votes is declared the winner. If no one candidate gets a majority, an instant runoff happens until a winner emerges.

Meslin said it's the same system used by political parties to choose their leaders.

LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

A Kensington Market community group is pitching a plan to paint the neighbourhood's streets different colours. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Bringing colour to Kensington streets

PEDESTRIANS

Painting roads would enhance navigation and safety: Group

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

All Stas Ukhanov needs to make Kensington Market more pedestrian-friendly is a can of paint.

Ukhanov, 25, is the head of Kensington United, a community group pitching an innovative plan for more inclusive streets in one of Toronto's most well-known neighbourhoods.

"The streets in Kensington are used differently than streets elsewhere in the city," he said. "You might see 100 cars in an hour, but you'll see hundreds and hundreds of pedestrians. Naturally, some of that traffic spills over onto the road."

To let Kensington Market drivers know they're entering a pedestrian-centric area, Ukhanov wants to paint the streets different colours — red for Augusta Avenue and blue for Baldwin Street, for example.

"It would tell drivers that they're not on a regular street anymore and that they need to pay attention to pedestrians," he said.

In addition to making the area safer, Ukhanov thinks his plan would add more colour — literally and figuratively — to Kensington. It would also help tourists navigate the popular locale, he said.

"You could say things like, 'Meet me on the red street and we'll grab a coffee at the café around the corner on the blue street,'" he said.

While some have mused about closing Kensington Market to cars, Ukhanov says his idea is about finding a better harmony between road users.

"The idea of pedestrianizing the market has been around for decades, but you don't want to cut the streets off from the rest of the grid," he said.

"But just because the road was given over to cars in the past doesn't mean we can't find a new balance."

> **"The streets in Kensington are used differently than streets elsewhere in the city.**
> Stas Ukhanov

‘Don’t single me out’: Artist

ACTION BRONSON

Festival backs show despite ‘misogynistic’ song lyrics

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

The organizers of Toronto’s North by Northeast (NXNE) festival are standing by their decision to offer a free public hip-hop show featuring Action Bronson — despite a petition asking them to pull the show over a song the petition says “glorifies gang-raping women.”

The petition accuses him of “violent misogyny” and calls the lyrics of his song Consensual Rape “hate speech.”

The section of the song cited in the petition begins, “Then dig your shorty out cuz I geeked her up on molly,” and goes on to explicitly describe a group sexual encounter, ending with, “stuff her lunchbox and burn her with the candle.”

A petition has been submitted to NXNE to pull the Action Bronson show scheduled for June 21. GETTY IMAGES

Action Bronson responded on the controversy, tweeting that Torontonians “have their panties in a bunch” and the song that the petition objects to is a five-year-old “lost track” that he has never performed. “Don’t single me out,” he tweeted.

Action Bronson is set to perform on June 21 in a public square at a free show.

NXNE released a statement defending the show, and artists’ rights “to express their views through music.”

It invited anyone who is offended to go see a different show.

“NXNE will also present a number of rap artists at various venues, such as Tink and Kate Tempest, who have been lauded for the undisguised feminist viewpoints in their music,” said Sara Peel, Managing Director of NXNE, in the statement.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the petition against Action Bronson had more than 1,600 signatures.

TRANSIT

City has 3 subway options

With concerns over how to make the Scarborough subway work with SmartTrack, the city has narrowed the options — leaving Mayor John Tory with little choice.

In a presentation sent to councillors Wednesday and obtained by Torstar News Service, city staff say the original nine route options for the Scarborough subway have been short-listed to three: a Midland Avenue, McCowan Road or Bellamy Road corridor. Among them, Tory’s best choice to avoid duplicating SmartTrack’s route is picking the one farthest east, along Bellamy — a decision that could cost taxpayers at least $600 million more.

The presentation says a “preliminary evaluation” identified the three “best performing” options after public consultations. Chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat’s office pointed to a long list of criteria, including travel time and ability to ease congestion — to narrow the choices.

Tory’s office said this week he would not weigh in on his preferred route for the subway “prematurely.” TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Capture images that rock

It’s the season of the music festival in Toronto. Festivals both big and small come to our great city, and next week marks the opening of the annual concert series at the Molson Amphitheatre.

Ren Bostelaar from Henry’s Learning Lab offers some tips to capture concert images that rock:

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PLAN AHEAD

While it’s usually not a problem to snap a few photos when your favourite band tours through the local bar scene, larger cameras are often forbidden at larger stadium shows and outdoor festivals. Check the rules before you pack your camera bag.

FORGET THE FLASH

Concerts are often dark, but your camera’s flash will create more problems than it can solve — small flashes only have a range of a few metres, so unless you are at the front of the crowd it won’t even reach the stage. If you are that close, however, the flash will cause ugly reflections off of mic stands and the drum kit, and the dramatic stage lighting and concert atmosphere will be ruined by the bright light. Instead, turn your camera’s ISO to a high setting (around 1600) and hold your camera as steady as possible.

ANTICIPATE THE SHOT

Instead of shooting lots and hoping for the best, pay close attention to the way the musicians move on stage. You may notice that the guitarist strikes a certain pose between solos, or that the singer has a habit of looking out to the crowd between lines. Once you know what you want to capture, compose the shot and lock your camera’s focus in the right place, and consider using the “burst” mode to capture a quick series of pictures at just the right moment.

GO FOR VARIETY

You may not want to give up your hard-earned spot in the crowd, but your images will often be more interesting if you move around and find new perspectives. Get further back and shoot the whole crowd and stage from a distance, or consider turning around to show the crowd looking towards the stage. Use a wide-angle lens to capture all of the drama and energy of the crowd, or zoom in with a telephoto lens to highlight the little details that make live music such a great experience.

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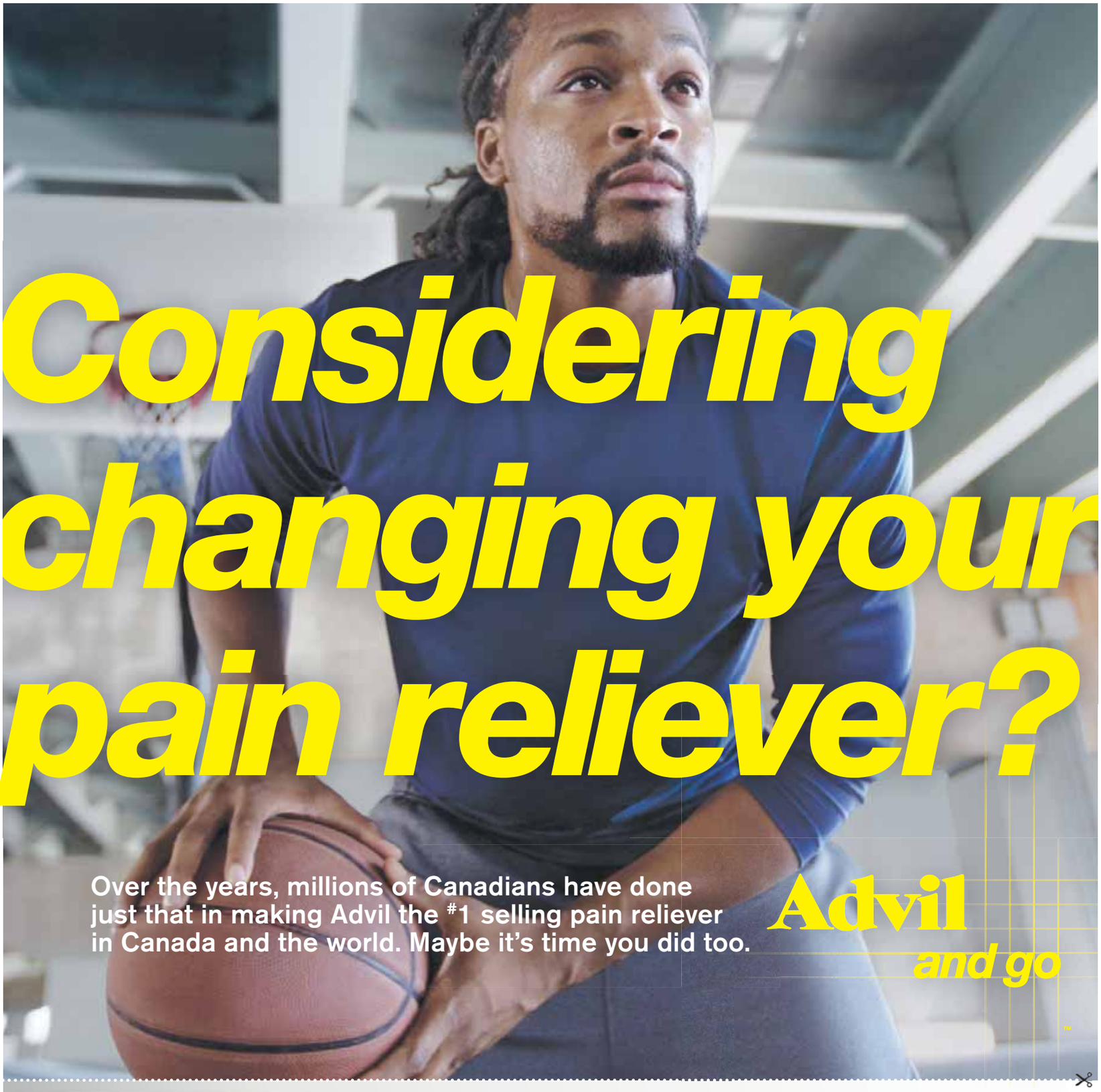
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Gardiner facing time crunch

Metro columnist Matt Elliott used a combination of public statements and voting history to make this early prediction of who's likely to land in which Gardiner camp — and whose views are still too difficult to pin down. But don't forget, it could all still change.

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MODIFICATIONS

Hybrid option

Mayor John Tory

Tory has recently said that removing the eastern part of the Gardiner would make trafffic worse.

Coun. Norm Kelly

Kelly Supported maintaining Leslie stub in 1999.

- Coun. Rob Ford (Ward 2)
- Coun. Frances Nunziata (Ward 11)
- Coun. Christin Carmicheal Greb (Ward 16)
- Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong (Ward 34)
- Coun. Gary Crawford (Ward 36)
- Coun. Cesar Palacio (Ward 17)
- Coun. David Shiner (Ward 24)
- Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti (Ward 7)
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- Coun. Michelle Berardinetti (Ward 35)
- Coun. Stephen Holyday (Ward 3)

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Gardiner Expressway options are due for a decision June 10. Hybrid option: The expressway would remain elevated west of the Don Valley. Ramps east of the river that extend to Logan Avenue would be demolished and replaced with new ramps between the river and Cherry Street. Tear-down option: The expressway would be razed east of Jarvis Street and replaced with a new eight-lane boulevard, including a median. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

UNKNOWN

It's hard to say which way they will vote

Coun. Josh Matlow

Coun. Jaye Robinson

Coun. Glenn De Baeremaeker

Coun. Mary-Margaret McMahon

"I look at this as a pretty momentous decision for that part of the city for many years to come, and I want to make sure I make the right decision.

Coun. John Campbell, Ward 4

- Coun. Raymond Cho (Ward 42)
- Coun. Ron Moeser (Ward 44)
- Coun. Justin Di Ciano (Ward 5)
- Coun. Michael Thompson (Ward 37)
- Coun. Ana Bailao (Ward 18)
- Coun. John Filion (Ward 23)
- Coun. Chin Lee (Ward 41)
- Coun. Anthony Perruzza (Ward 8)
- Coun. Mary Fragedakis (Ward 29)

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DESTRUCTION

Tear it down

Ainslie has no firm stance but has mentioned "economic benefits" to tear down.

Coun. Paul Ainslie

Kristyn Wong-Tam

Wong-Tam publicly supports tear down.

Perks publicly supports tear down.

Coun. Gord Perks

- Coun. Shelley Carroll (Ward 33)
- Coun. Joe Mihevc (Ward 21)
- Coun. Pam McConnell (Ward 28)
- Coun Mike Layton (Ward 41)
- Coun. Paula Fletcher (Ward 30)
- Coun. Joe Cressy (Ward 20)
- Coun. Janet Davis (Ward 31)
- Coun. Sarah Doucette (Ward 13)
- Coun. Maria Augimeri (Ward 9)

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Engineer warns of pedestrian problems with both choices

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Professional engineers in Toronto are weighing-in on the Eastern Gardiner Expressway debate — and one is warning councillors that both of their current choices pose real problems for pedestrians.

The Toronto chapters of two engineering bodies — the Profession Engineers Ontario and Ontario Society of Professional Engineers — invited their members to meet Wednesday evening, listen to two engineering experts discuss the Eastern Gardiner and then vote on what position the engineers should advocate for.

They considered the hybrid and boulevard options councillors are debating, but also the "third option" of tunneling it underground, which city's political leaders have discarded because of its high cost.

Their decision will be shared with the city in a position paper.

Geoff Fernie, a bio-engineer and the director of research at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute-University Health Network, spoke at the meeting at Toronto Rehabilitation Institute.

He doesn't advocate any particular option, but said that pedestrians — especially those with limited mobility — must be taken into account with whatever decision is made.

Fernie studied University Avenue in 2009, and how pedestrians behave on boulevards with centre medians. He found big, wide, boulevards with multi-stage crossings are dangerous for pedestrians, because the lights are typically timed much too fast for many people to get across in time.

They are typically timed so people have to wait another light cycle to cross the second half, but most disobey that and attempt to cross the entire thing at once, leaving them crossing against the light, against the law, and in danger of being hit.

This is a problem for not only the boulevard option, but the hybrid option as well, because Lakeshore Boulevard runs underneath it.

The solution for either option is to make the light times very long and make the median attractive to pedestrians and sheltered from the weather, he said.

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Limo protest sparked by change at Pearson

To the airport, it was a 200-metre move. To limousine drivers, it spells terminal trouble.

On Wednesday, about 300 limo drivers protested at Toronto's Pearson International Airport, claiming they've lost prime pick-up real estate to driving services such as Uber.

For more than three decades, limos picked up passengers at Terminal 1's A exit, right near the domestic arrivals door. On May 5, they were moved roughly 200 metres away to the D exit — closer to international arrivals.

"Our drivers are down approximately two to three runs a day as a result of this," Unifor spokesman Barry Lines said. Unifor, or the Union for Canada, represents approximately 600 airport limousine drivers.

"It takes away our exposure to deal with customers."

According to Lines, those lost runs translate to about $400 in lost revenue per week for each driver. Domestic arrivals account for half of all business, he said.

"Limousine drivers are paying the GTAA approximately $7,400 a year to operate out of the airport," said Lines. Each limo also pays "anti-scooping" fees of $129 a month to keep unauthorized rides out of the airport.

Uber, on the other hand, is paying the GTAA a monthly fee that translates to $15 per pickup.

"This is all about getting curb space," said Lines.

The Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) operates Pearson. In early 2014, Uber signed an agreement with the GTAA to provide pickup services at the airport. Only Uber's luxury Black and SUV services are authorized to conduct airport pickups.

According to Uber's online fare estimator, a ride from Pearson's Terminal 1 to the Star's office at 1 Yonge St. would cost $88 to $115 for the first service or $100 to $128 for the second.

According to GTAA-approved flat rate tariffs, that same ride would cost $58 in a limousine or $53 in a taxi. Several limos, the GTAA notes, also double as Uber vehicles.

"The taxi and limo pick-up areas at Terminal 1 were moved on May 5 to allow for a better service for passengers," GTAA spokesperson Patricia Krale said in an emailed statement.

Limo drivers are complaining that they have been moved from their usual pickup point at Pearson airport to make way for pre-arranged rides like Uber. They say they pay $1,550 a month for pickup privileges at the airport. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"The pickup areas used to be split between Door A and Door C — centralizing it (at Door C and Door D) allowed for better use of space and for staging or more taxis and limos waiting to pick up passengers…We work closely with the taxi and limo drivers on a regular basis and they were made aware of this change before it went into effect. There is significant demand for both taxis and limos at the airport and this change was made to reduce lineups."

According to Krale, in addition to creating more space for prearranged pickups, the new system allows a total of 20 taxis and limos to load at a time, as opposed to a previous maximum of six.

"We had a growing number of passengers looking for prearranged pickup options provided by companies like Uber," Krale wrote. "As part of the prearranged service agreement with the airport, Uber Black pays a monthly fee for operating at the airport."

That fee translates to $15 per ride.

"We continue to lose money every day," Lines said of the move's fallout on limo drivers. "Even if the GTAA decides to reverse it — which we hope they do — these drivers will never recoup the money that they lost."

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MISSISSAUGA

Council passes new water levy

A new Mississauga levy for storm water management based on the size of homes has been approved to start in 2016, but owners of houses won't be eligible for the relief available to businesses and highrise residents.

Businesses and highrise buildings will be able to cut their storm water charge by up to 50 per cent if they reduce the amount of run-off entering the municipal storm system.

On Wednesday, city council discussed a staff report that recommended not extending that incentive program to homeowners, based largely on the estimated $525,000 cost if the credit program was extended to single-family dwellings.

A council vote approved the levy without giving homeowners a way to reduce the tax paid by installing rain barrels, permeable driveways or other features that could reduce the run-off.

$1.8 billion

Replacement costs for the storm water infrastructure system is pegged at $1.8 billion. New fees would help close the shortfall to upgrade the system.

"I'm disappointed," Councillor Pat Saito said after the staff recommendation was presented. "It would have been a good message, encouragement for (homeowners) to make changes."

House owners will pay between $50 and $170 a year, depending on the size of their home. Those with very small houses, with a roof print of 287 square feet or smaller, will pay nothing. Houses near Lake Ontario, where storm run-off goes directly into the lake, will be exempt from the new charge.

"I think it would be absolutely criminal of you to make me pay one cent," Mississauga homeowner Ed Bavington told council. He questioned how the city could charge him the new fee even though he long ago took steps to ensure rainwater on his property does not go into the municipal system.

Councillors agreed to refer the issue to the city's environment committee, leaving open the possibility of introducing some sort of recognition or incentive to residents in the future. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Strip clubs a 'dying' biz

REDEVELOPMENT

More regulations prevent new clubs from opening

Jessica Smith Cross
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Ashton doesn't want to stop dancing at Remington's Men of Steel, but strict regulation of strip clubs paired with a proposed redevelopment will likely spell the end of Toronto's only all-male strip club.

And, with it, Ashton's job.

"It's a good place to work; I don't want to leave," Ashton said as he was about to start a recent shift.

Toronto used to have 63 strip clubs, when the scene was at its peak in 1982. Ten years ago there were 26. Today there are 16, according to city records.

Increased development and regulations that prevent new clubs from opening in most spots have led to the decline, Remington's general manager Dave Auger said.

"Some of them have sold their businesses to developers," he said. "Some of them, they're owners have aged and it was just more feasible to cash in."

Ashton thinks the city's regulations on stripping are "ridiculous."

While he's happy to get a criminal record check, saying he doesn't want to work alongside con men, he pays $361 a year on top of that for a stripping licence — something he sees as nothing but a laminated piece of paper with his photo on it.

The regulations on clubs themselves are much tougher. They're pages and pages long and cover everything down to the kind of soap that can be used in club showers, not to mention the prohibition of customer-dancer contact in the "breasts, buttocks, genital, pubic, anal or perineal areas."

The key problem for Remington's is that a strip club can't move or start up — almost anywhere in the city — without receiving a tough-to-get zoning variance from City Hall. Remington's may have to try because its days on Yonge Street are numbered. Most of the block it's on, south of Gerrard Street, is being redeveloped, and the owners don't want Remington's there when their new condo/retail development is done.

"Yeah, times are changing. Things get taken down," Ashton said. "It's a dying business, but it's appreciated by everyone who comes in."

If everyone who made decisions at City Hall could get past the stigma of stripping, come in and see what kind of fun the club has on a Saturday night, Ashton believes, they might find a way to keep it open somewhere downtown and he wouldn't have to leave.

"I've made a family here," he said. "It's more than just coming in for your shift. We have brotherhood here of all the guys. And where they go I go."

Remington's doesn't want to move to an industrial-zoned area on the outskirts of Toronto, Auger said.

It's the only spot new clubs are allowed to open without a zoning variance, but it's not economically viable, or safe for performers or patrons, Auger said.

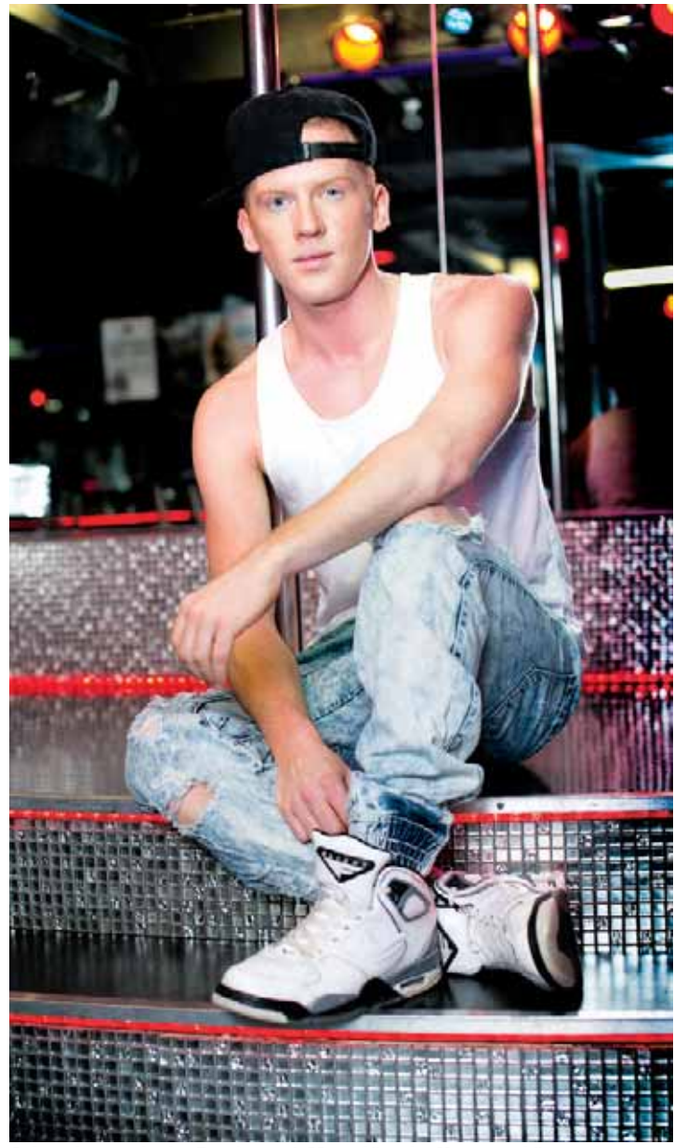
So, unless the owner of Remington's can afford to buy one of the city's few remaining strip clubs and take it over, he may have to another route, Auger said.

"It's at the point where we're wondering if we should renew our licence, or not, and just be a private members' club," he said.

Those clubs can operate without a licence or much oversight from city hall, Auger said.

BACKGROUND

- Remington's Men of Steel opened as a gay strip club in 1993 on Yonge, just south of Gerrard.
- It used to be for men only, but it started opening its doors to women on Friday and Saturday nights five years ago — and that business is now its bread and butter.
- Before it was Remington's, it was the Bermuda Tavern, a straight strip club, owned by the Cooper family, which owns two other strip clubs on Yonge Street: Zanzibar and the Brass Rail.
- The section of Yonge Street, referred to as the strip, used to have a dozen clubs.



Ashton has worked at Remington's Men of Steel at Yonge and Gerrard streets for a little more than a year. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

DRUGS

Pot shop jonesin' for 'brand presence'

Canada's first "recreational" marijuana company hopes that one day it will be able to legally sell its products at home.

Based in Toronto, Nutritional High is listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange, and most of its directors are Canadian, including a former Ontario cabinet minister, David Caplan. But its business plan is to make and sell marijuana extract and edibles only in U.S. States where it's legal.

Right now, it's legal to sell marijuana in Canada only through the medical marijuana program, and companies can't sell edibles or oil, only marijuana flowers.

"Down the road, what we're trying to do is basically create a brand presence and get some good market share in U.S. states, both for medical and recreational, and then when Canada does legalize it, we want to come home with our product," said Caplan.

Nutritional High's products — marijuana chocolates, hard candies and gummies — are likely to hit the shelves in New Mexico in a few months, and Colorado soon after. The company also makes the oil used in vape pens.

The benefit of buying marijuana edibles made by a company with an automated process is the amount of the THC in each product is standard, so people don't get suddenly surprised by eating a batch of chocolates they made themselves and getting way too high, according to Caplan.

"Some people just really don't like to smoke and it's a tasty way to enjoy it," he said.

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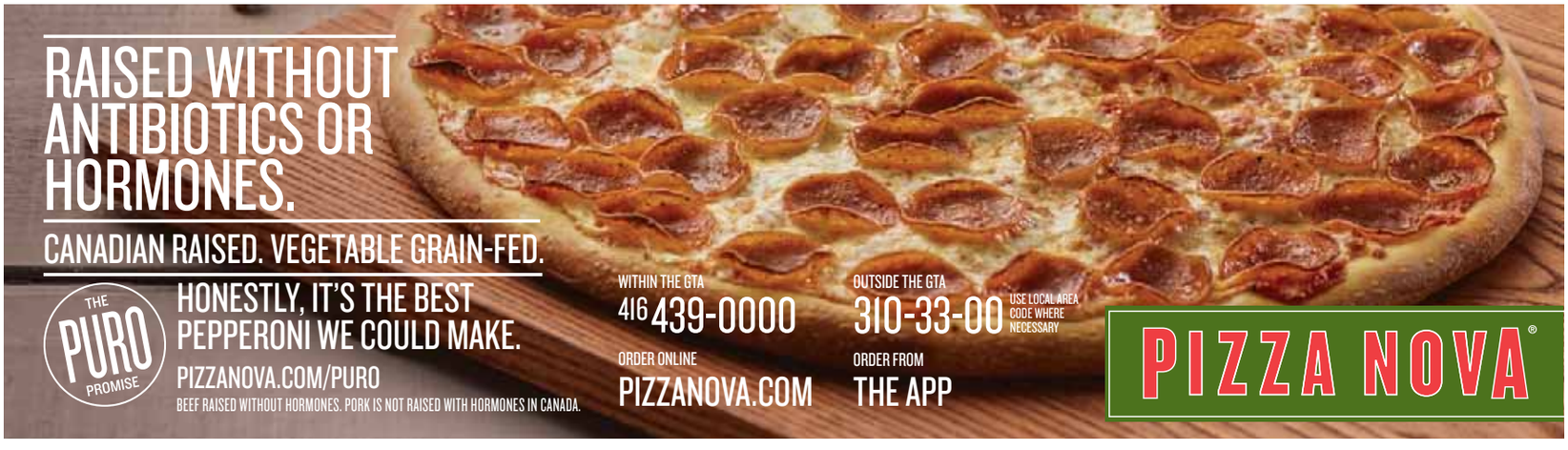

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Prof wins grant to save carved churches

HISTORY

$250,000 will go towards preserving carving skills

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A local professor is on a mission to preserve some holy ground in Ethiopia.

Michael Gervers teaches cultural and social history at the University of Toronto, where his research focuses on the East African country's unique churches, as well as the craftsmen who build them. He has received a $250,000 grant from the Arcadia Fund to pass on his knowledge to others.

"These churches are not only carved into the rock but out of it as well," he said. "They look like free-standing buildings, but they are actual monoliths."

Gervers first visited the churches and their makers in 1982, and is still fascinated by the amount of hard labour that goes into building them.

"It's like being in a prison camp," he said, noting it takes an average of five years to finish carving a church that's 15 metres square and four metres high.

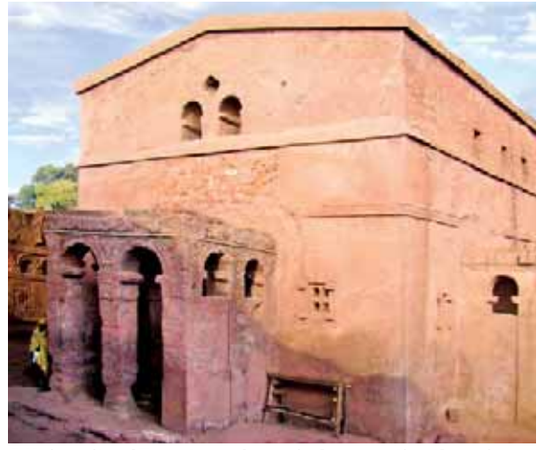
The work is done using only hammers and chisels, and measurements are judged using finger to elbow as standard length, he said.

As sects of religion increase by day, the demand for houses of worship has never been greater in the predominantly Christian country, Gervers said. Communities in need of a new church look for these craftsmen, finding a rock-cut church more durable and less expensive to maintain.

Gervers' three-year grant will go towards documenting the skills involved in making rock-carved churches. The idea is to capture the practice on video before technology replaces it.

At completion, the footage will be freely hosted online for 20 years.

"It is incredible living evidence of what people are capable of," he said.



A University of Toronto professor is documenting the unique practice of carving churches out of rock faces in Ethiopia.
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CITY AFFAIRS

Councillor pitches World's Fair 2025

By not making a bid to host the World's Fair in 2025, Toronto could be missing out on significant cultural and economic benefits, says one city councillor.

Ward 27 Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam wasn't pleased when the city abandoned its application to host the 2015 Expo in favour of the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

Now that the international event is taking place in Milan and reportedly pre-sold over 10 million tickets, Wong-Tam is once again trying to drum up World's Fair fever in Toronto.

"We would like the opportunity to at least submit a bid," she said.

According to Wong-Tam, a group of politicians and business leaders has been working to prepare a bid for 2025.

Montreal and Vancouver hosted smaller versions of the expo in 1967 and 1986, respectively. Hosting has left both cities revitalized with strong infrastructure, and Toronto stands to benefit to an even greater degree, she said.

"The infrastructure and economic impact of hosting the fair far outweigh anything that the Pan Am Games will produce," she said.

Toronto's waterfront would be an ideal site to host the Expo, Wong-Tam said, noting the event could kickstart construction on the downtown relief subway line and other much-needed infrastructure projects.

> **"Hosting comes with tremendous economic, cultural and tourist value.**
> Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam

If Toronto were to go ahead with the process, the federal government would need to present a letter of intention by 2016.

Wong-Tam thinks a potential theme for Toronto's World Expo could be climate change and how to build resilient cities in the face of extreme weather conditions.

She'll give a presentation Thursday at The Annex TEDx event, with the theme: Putting Toronto on the World Map: World Expo 2025.

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Police plan change on mental health

CRIMINAL RECORDS

Background reports will omit related incidents

In a step forward for mental-health rights, the Toronto Police Service will no longer release records of non-criminal mental-health encounters with police — including suicide attempts or other psychological crises — to employers and community groups requesting background checks.

Effective this week, the Toronto police will halt a practice that civil rights and mental-health groups have long been decrying as discrimination affecting a growing number of Canadians.

Rights organizations including the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario have been sounding the alarm that Canadians with a history of mental illness that provoked a police response have lost employment and volunteer opportunities due to release of records.

Deputy Chief Mike Federico
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In a May 20 memo sent to community organizations working with children or vulnerable people, Toronto police announced that, effective this week, groups making background checks under the "Vulnerable Sector Screening Program" will no longer receive information about mental health-related contact with police.

Prior to the change, Toronto police released mental-health information to groups hiring for positions ranging from teaching to volunteering.

According to the memo — signed by Deputy Chief Mike Federico, who has taken the lead on mental-health issues affecting Toronto Police — the change was prompted by new police check guidelines drafted by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police last June.

A 2014 Toronto Star investigation into the release of non-conviction records by police found that hundreds of thousands of people are listed in the national criminal records database despite never having been convicted.

Of those, 2,500 people had no conviction registered but had a notation for "attempt suicide." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Torn from the Pages goes legit

DAVE BIDINI

Event blossoms into annual wellspring of creativity

BACKSTAGE PASS

Ian Gormely

Dave Bidini is no stranger to Torontonians. Whether through his writing, music or frequent public appearances, his omnipresence in the city ensures you're bound to cross paths with the Etobicoke native at some point.

Still, it wasn't until five years ago that Bidini married the disparate streams of his career under a single banner. Torn from the Pages asks artists to create new work inspired from a single literary source.

"You do it for yourself in the beginning," he says. "I wanted an event that brought the two kingdoms I know together."

But that first selfish evening of performances, which used the then-limited catalogue of Coach House Books as its jumping-off point, soon blossomed into an annual wellspring of creativity, both for Bidini and the other artists involved.

Singer-songwriter Corin Raymond included his contribution from an evening inspired by Linden MacIntyre's Why Men Lie to one of his records. And Selena Martin's upcoming album includes two compositions born out of Torn from the Pages.

Even Bidini mined the event for a track for his current group, Bidiniband. "The event allows artists to "catch a break by using someone else's raw material," he jokes.

Saturday's event, which sees the event "go legit" and move from the relatively tiny Hugh's Room to the spacious Harbourfront Centre Theatre, is built around the work of author Miriam Toews.

But familiarity with the source material isn't a requirement. Musicians Christine Fellows and the Weakerthans' John K. Samson were both already fans of the Governor General's Literary Award-winning author, who will also be in attendance.

But Lee Harvey Osmond's Tom Wilson and essayist Scaachi Koul were both new to her work. "It's almost better that it comes out totally fresh," says Bidini. "That links the work more clearly to the actual experience to reading the book."

Torn from the Pages: Miriam Toews takes place May 30 at Harbourfront Centre Theatre, 231 Queens Quay West. Visit masseyhall.com for details.

Dave Bidini, second from left, with members of Bidiniband: from left, Doug Friesen, Don Kerr and Paul Linklater. PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER POLLOCK

IN THE WORKS

With a surprisingly varied slate of projects in the works, Bidini expects to remain busy for the foreseeable future.

Literature: Bidini heads to Yellowknife this summer to write his next book.

Music: In September, Bidini reunites with legendary Can-rock heroes the Rheostatics for a trio of gigs at the Art Gallery of Ontario in celebration of the 20th anniversary of their album Music Inspired by the Group of Seven.

Film: Production of a film adaptation of Bidini's book Baseballissimo is currently underway. The movie is being produced by Rush's Geddy Lee and was co-written by Jay Baruchel who also co-stars with Anton Yelchin.

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180 Smoke - Toronto retailer of e-cigarettes and vape products announced a giveaway of free rechargeable kits to anyone visiting the store and willing to dump their last pack of tobacco cigarettes (June 1st-7th).

To protest against bill 45 that equates vaping to smoking, the company is giving free kits to Toronto smokers. "I believe that the proposed regulations are misguided and centered on lost tobacco revenue and taxes. Even the harshest critics agree that e-cigarettes are magnitudes safer compared to burning processed tobacco," says Boris Giller, co-founder, adding "the complete ban on promotion and prohibiting retailers from providing customer support for device usage creates a situation that fosters ongoing smoking. There is clear evidence that dedicated customer support leads to better adoption. Calling an act that restricts a proven tobacco harm reduction tool 'Making Healthier Choices' is a cruel joke."

180 Smoke invites smokers to learn more first hand, taste the various flavours and to find what works for them. Vape consultants will be available to answer questions and demonstrate products.

When? June 1st -7th

more info: **www.180smoke.ca**

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ADVERTISING

App reveals food's real sugar content

HEALTH

Labels don't always give breakdowns, says expert

Trying hard to cut down — or monitor — your sugar consumption?

If you're only relying on nutritional labels, here's some bad news: You may actually be consuming more than you think.

"There's no way you can read the label and know how much of that amount is from free sugars," said Jodi Bernstein, a doctoral candidate in nutritional sciences at the University of Toronto.

"Free sugar" refers to the total amount of sugar found naturally in products plus all sugar added by producers. It does not include naturally present sugar.

Some products contain only free sugars — like Coca Cola — and their labels reflect the actual amount, she said. But flavoured yogurt, for example, will contain some natural sugars from different producers that make it, plus some added sugars from the manufacturer. The label, in that case, doesn't give you the breakdown, she said.

Enter a new invention: One Sweet App. It's a sugar tracker that uses a built-in food database to calculate the number of teaspoons of sugar found in your foods.

The World Health Organization recommends a maximum of 12 teaspoons of sugar per day. That's approximately 50 grams of sugar, or about 2,000 calories.

When the app user tallies all the food they ate in a day, the app breaks down how much free sugar was consumed, and how it compares to the WHO guidelines, said Bernstein. GILBERT NGABO/METRO

Jodi Bernstein, left, and Marie L'Abbe worked on the One Sweet App. COURTESY OF JOHNNY GUATTO/UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

PAN AM

BASE jumpers make historic CN Tower leap

It was meant to be "top secret," but when you're jumping off the CN Tower, you can't exactly keep things hush-hush.

As a helicopter circled around crowds gathered at Roundhouse Park early Wednesday morning, two BASE jumpers took the plunge, falling separately from the top of the tower, their parachutes billowing in the wind.

The pair — identified as French BASE jumpers Fred Fugen and Vince Reffet — each landed with a Pan Am Games-emblazoned torch in their hands, sparking speculation that the stunts were part of the sports competition's July 10 opening ceremony.

When Torstar News Service asked film crews what they were doing at the site, cameramen rushed to shield the torch, claiming their presence was "top secret."

They gave the same response when questioned about a man clad in a Games tracksuit who was spotted across the street from the parachute landing pad, running with a lit torch.

All Pan Am spokesman Teddy Katz would say is that "this is for a promotional video we are filming."

A sanctioned BASE jump from the top of the CN Tower isn't something you see every day. That it's being done by two professional French jumpers, instead of Canadians, has angered some in the tight-knit local community of jumpers.

"It's shocking and unacceptable," said Anthony White, an Ottawa BASE jumper, who added that his team has "pitched numerous proposals to the CN tower over the years, outlining as well the importance of using Canadian talent if and when the jumps occurred."

Prior to Fugen and Reffet, Dar Robinson was the only person to make a sanctioned jump from the tower, when he played Christopher Plummer's stunt double for a heist-gone-awry movie in 1979. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Two BASE jumpers plunged from the CN Tower for what seems to be a 'promotional video' for Pan Am. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Teen charged in 'swatting' incidents

The OPP have charged a 16-year-old male from New Tecumseth, a town a town in Simcoe County, for incidents related to "swatting."

Since February, the Nottawasaga OPP have received multiple false calls that have required a high-level police and emergency response. After investigation into these incidents, a male has been charged with public mischief, false messages, and two other charges. Police have been investigating two recent "swatting" incidents in the GTA. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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PETS ACUPUNCTURE MAY HELP PAIN Gino Furano keeps his black lab Chilko company while the dog receives acupuncture treatment in Calgary. Furano has been bringing Chilko to the Calgary Holistic Veterinary Clinic for acupuncture for three years The cost is $220 for the initial consultation and treatment. Followups run between $73 and $100. The efficacy of animal acupuncture has been questioned in North America, but recent articles suggest there is evidence it is useful in pain management in cats and dogs. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Deaf fear loss of captioned debates

POLITICS

Federal parties quarrel over format of leaders' debate

Deaf and hard-of-hearing Canadians fear their needs as voting citizens might be lost in the shuffle in the coming election campaign as the federal parties squabble over the formats and hosts of the leaders' debates.

The proposal by the major TV networks, put to the federal parties, includes closed captioning in both French and English — as has been the case in previous debates.

However, the Conservative Party of Canada has rejected the proposal from the so-called broadcast consortium, which includes CBC/Radio-Canada, Global News and CTV.

As a result, the televised debates are in limbo; it's not clear whether the opposition parties would bother with a faceoff that doesn't include the prime minister.

The Conservatives have emphasized their desire for different formats, citing the fact many Canadians no longer watch traditional TV. But broadcasters are required by regulation to include closed captioning with their programming, even during commercials.

Will new debate proposals from Maclean's Magazine, The Globe and Mail/Google Canada, the Munk Debates and others include services for the hearing impaired?

Rudyard Griffiths, organizer of the Munk Debates, said the organization is looking into closed captioning and sign language, as well as simultaneous French and English translation.

James Roots, executive director of the Canadian Association of the Deaf, said up to ten million Canadians with varying degrees of hearing benefit from closed captioning.

"We certainly are deeply concerned and distressed by

> **"We ... are deeply concerned and distressed by the entire squabble.**
> James Roots

the entire squabble over the proposed federal election debates," Roots said in an email."Without taking sides in the dispute, we emphasize that all Canadians — not just deaf ones — have a legal and moral right to equal access to the debates, and that this access has traditionally been provided by means of captioning."

Regardless of whether they have hearing difficulties, many new Canadians rely on closed captioning, said Susan Masters of the Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

New technology has not always been a good thing for people with hearing loss, she added.

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ALBERTA WILDFIRES

Residents returning home

Emergency officials have lifted all evacuation orders for communities threatened by wildfires in northern Alberta.

About 5,000 people who were told to leave their homes earlier this week are in the process of returning to their homes.

Scott Long with the province's Emergency Management Agency says fires near Wabasca and Slave Lake are being held.

He says residents have been advised that fire conditions could change and they may have to leave again.

The fire outlook throughout the province has been rated severe through the end of the week due to hot and dry weather.

A provincewide fire ban is still in effect, along with air quality advisories for Edmonton and areas north of the city.

As of Wednesday, there were 63 fires burning in Alberta and 13 were considered to be out of control. A blaze near Cold Lake remained out of control, threatening the only access road into some oilsands sites.

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THE BLAZE

More than 600 firefighters were working directly on the wildfires and the government was considering putting a call out for reinforcements.

About 100 firefighters from Ontario and water bombers from Quebec have gone to help.

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A radiologist checks mammograms for breast cancer in Los Angeles. The total number of Canadians who will receive a cancer diagnosis will rise over the next 15 years, a report from the Canadian Cancer Society predicts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cancer cases to rise 40%: Report

HEALTH

Demographics will fuel the increase, says cancer society

The annual number of new cancer diagnoses in Canada will increase by 40 per cent by 2030, the Canadian Cancer Society predicted in a report released Wednesday. At first blush, that projection seems alarming.

But the cancer society was quick to point out that demographics will fuel the increase, not a heightened risk in developing the disease.

Most cancers are diagnosed in people who are between the ages of 50 and 79, and the massive baby boom generation is now squarely there. As well, the projected growth of Canada's population will contribute to the increase in numbers of cancer cases.

"This is about (the fact that) Canadians are living longer," said Robert Nuttall, the cancer society's assistant director for cancer control policy.

"The population is aging and it's growing. And overall this is going to add to the sheer volume of cancer patients being diagnosed in Canada. But that overall risk, that proportion of Canadians who are diagnosed, isn't going to change over this period."

Neither will the risk of dying from cancer, according to the predictions. Improvements in treatments and screening programs that lead to early diagnosis of some forms of cancer have resulted in a steady decline in the percentage of cancer cases that are fatal.

Given that the projections don't anticipate a rise in individual risk, should Canadians be worried about the estimates? Dr. Eva Grunfeld, a physician scientist with the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, said concern should focus on whether the country's health-care systems will be ready to cope with all the additional cases.

That is the message the cancer society is trying to get out through the release of this report, which was prepared in collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada and Statistics Canada.

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INDONESIA PROTESTERS DEMAND END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST ROHINGYAS IN MYANMAR
Indonesian Muslim protesters burn a mannequin representing Myanmar's radical Buddhist monk Ashin Wirathu during a protest Wednesday demanding an end to the violence against ethnic Rohingyas in Rakhine State, outside the Embassy of Myanmar in Jakarta, Indonesia. In the last three years, hundreds of minority Rohingya Muslims have been killed and hundreds of thousands of others are now living under apartheid-like conditions in crowded camps or forced to flee their homes to avoid persecution in Buddhist-majority Myanmar.
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FIFA execs facing corruption probe

SOCCER

Decision to award World Cups to Russia, Qatar queried

The U.S. government launched a corruption attack on soccer's global governing body Wednesday, pulling FIFA executives out of a luxury Zurich hotel to face racketeering charges and raiding regional offices in Miami.

Swiss officials also invaded FIFA headquarters, seizing records and computers to investigate whether the decisions to award World Cups to Russia and Qatar were rigged.

Scandals and rumours of deeper corruption have dogged FIFA throughout the 17-year reign of its president, Sepp Blatter, but he was not named in either investigation. He is scheduled to stand Friday for re-election to a fifth term, and the organization said the vote would go ahead as planned, despite the latest turmoil.

FIFA also ruled out a revote of the World Cup bids won by Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022.

"We welcome the actions and the investigations by the U.S. and Swiss authorities and believe that it will help to reinforce measures that FIFA has already taken to root out any wrongdoing in football," Blatter said in a statement.

The organization said it was co-operating fully with the investigation.

Authorities conducted early morning raids in Zurich at FIFA headquarters and the five-star Baur au Lac Hotel downtown in the investigations. In Miami, evidence was seized at the headquarters of CONCACAF, the governing body of North and Central America and the Caribbean, whose past and current presidents were among 14 defendants under indictment for corruption.

Swiss police arrested seven soccer officials at the request of American prosecutors and threatened them with extradition to the U.S. Four other soccer and marketing officials agreed to plead guilty.

American prosecutors said they will seek forfeiture of more than $151 million the government alleges was illegally obtained. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Two generations of soccer officials ... used their positions ... to solicit bribes from sports marketers.
U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch

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The case involves bribes totalling more than $100 million linked to commercial deals dating back to the 1990s for soccer tournaments in the U.S. and Latin America.

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GREECE 12,000 ILLEGALS ARRESTED. Migrants wash at a camp on the Greek island of Kos. Greece and Italy are flooded with refugees fleeing the fighting in Syria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chimp research equated to slavery

ANIMAL RIGHTS

Lawyer claims animals are entitled to habeas corpus

They're essentially in solitary confinement. This is what we do to the worst human criminal.
Steven Wise, Nonhuman Rights Project lawyer

A lawyer seeking to free two chimpanzees from a state university told a judge Wednesday that their confinement for research purposes is akin to slavery, the involuntary detention of mentally ill people and imprisonment.

Steven Wise, an attorney with the Nonhuman Rights Project, told Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Barbara Jaffe in a nearly two-hour hearing that Hercules and Leo are "autonomous and self-determining beings" who should be granted a writ of habeas corpus and be moved from Stony Brook University on Long Island to a sanctuary in Florida.

"They're essentially in solitary confinement,"' Wise told the judge before a crowd of about 100 packed into the Manhattan courtroom. "This is what we do to the worst human criminal."

The eight-year-old chimps, who were not at the hearing, are used for locomotion studies at Stony Brook.

Christopher Coulston, an assistant state attorney general representing the university, argued that the case was meritless on procedural grounds because the venue was improper and because granting the chimps personhood would create a slippery slope regarding the rights of other animals.

Much of the proceeding focused on centuries-old legal principles including the social contract, the writ of habeas corpus and the equal protection of laws.

Wise repeatedly cited legal decisions that granted the writ of habeas corpus to groups historically denied it — including to Native Americans and blacks during the 1800s.

Coulston said it was improper for a court to decide whether the animals are entitled to a writ of habeas corpus and that doing so would be unprecedented, telling Jaffe it is up to the state legislature to define personhood in this case.

"The reality is these are fundamentally different species," he said. "There's simply no precedent anywhere of an animal getting the same rights as a human."

Jaffe didn't make a ruling in the case, but thanked both sides for an "extremely interesting and well argued proceeding."

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Giant corporations mentor small rivals

CORPORATE TRENDS

Executives say they can learn from newer competitors

Imagine a world where David and Goliath are best buds. Well, it's becoming reality more frequently in the business world.

Boston Beer Co., maker of Sam Adams, mentors and lends money to small craft brewers. It hopes their sales will grow and take grocery store shelf space from brands like Budweiser, Miller and Coors.

Instead of feeling threatened and trying to crush smaller rivals that could take revenue from them, corporations like Microsoft Corp., Boston Beer and General Mills Inc. are mentoring and loaning money to smaller companies. It's an arrangement that has benefits for both sides.

Mark Hirsch, owner of Creative Worx, left, and Dan Bloom, owner of Slope, pose in the offices of Microsoft Ventures in Seattle. As part of the Ventures program, Hirsch and Bloom get work space, technical advice and feedback from Microsoft employees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Executives at big corporations are starting to realize they can learn from younger and smaller competitors, according to a survey by Business Performance Innovation Network, a professional networking organization. More than half the executives surveyed said large companies can learn from smaller competitors about focusing on and listening to what customers say they need. A third said large companies can learn about being willing to fail and take non-traditional approaches from smaller rivals.

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FOSSIL FUEL

Divestment call falling on deaf ears in Canada

Scott Vrooman says he wants Dalhousie University and Queen's University to stop investing in fossil fuel companies — so much that he's willing to tear up his degrees from the institutions if they don't change their policies.

The writer and comedian made the promise to pressure the schools to sign on to a global movement calling for a total divestment of fossil fuels.

"If you're an institution that claims to be working in the public interest, you can't do that ... because torching the climate isn't in the public interest," said Vrooman.

The fossil fuel divestment movement, started by environmental group 350.org in November 2012, has started to gain traction abroad but so far failed to take hold in Canada.

Last fall, Dalhousie University rejected calls to divest of fossil fuels, while the University of Calgary pre-emptively said it was not looking at making changes to its investments in the energy industry.

Outside Canada, hundreds of colleges, cities, foundations and religious groups have committed to some degree of divestment of fossil fuels.

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IN BRIEF

Interest rates stay same

The Bank of Canada said Wednesday it is keeping its trendsetting interest rate locked at 0.75 per cent because inflation has been in line with projections and consumption has held up relatively well — even with the negative effects of lower oil prices.

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Pensions: Inside the flip-flop

POLITICS

Chantal Hébert

In the dying days of a third mandate, federal Finance Minister Joe Oliver is about to spend the last summer before the October election consulting the provinces on a public pension reform that all governments, including his own, dismissed as unworkable five years ago.

When the idea of allowing Canadians to make supplementary voluntary contributions to the Canada Pension Plan in order to enhance their retirement benefits came up in 2010, former MP Ted Menzies was the parliamentary secretary to the minister of finance, Jim Flaherty.

Both trashed the notion.

"We have ruled out ideas we collectively determined cannot work," Menzies told the House of Commons. "The verdict was unanimous. This was not a good idea."

"We reject a voluntary plan because that would very much disturb the work of the Canada Pension Plan, which operates on a different basis," Flaherty explained.

What the then-finance minister had in mind was, in his own words, "a modest, phased-in increase on the mandatory side."

Ottawa and the provinces spent the following years discussing pension reform until Flaherty summarily shut down the talks in December 2013. By then a number of provinces were sold on increased mandatory contributions to the CPP and an attending expansion of pension benefits. Indeed, Ontario's Liberal government had signalled that it was ready to go it alone.

If Flaherty needed a political incentive to walk away from the federal-provincial table, that Ontario commitment was it. At the time, Conservative strategists believed (wrongly) that the provincial Liberals would be clobbered at the polls if they went ahead with a supplementary Ontario pension plan.

As of the termination of the federal-provincial talks, Flaherty's initial goal of raising the mandatory contributions became — in the words of his own government — a "job-killing, economy-destabilizing, pension-tax hike." The rhetoric endures to this day.

But it was only on Tuesday that Harper's government came full circle and embraced the voluntary plan it had argued against in the past.

The last federal budget was silent on pension reform. The net result of that omission is that when Oliver comes calling in the provincial capitals this summer, it will mainly be in his capacity as the Conservative candidate for the Toronto riding of Eglinton-Lawrence.

He will be peddling a Conservative election promise.

One of the many provincial venues where he can expect a cool reception is Queen's Park.

The reality is that Canadians do not lack for vehicles that promote voluntary pension-building savings, but millions of them do not use them and end up not setting enough money aside for a decent retirement.

In contrast with Oliver's scheme — which is geared to those who do save — the proposed Ontario plan addresses that fundamental issue. And, in contrast with Oliver, Premier Kathleen Wynne has secured an electoral mandate to implement it.

Still, the ruling Conservatives expect that the voluntary nature of their proposal will make it an easier sell on the campaign trail than the opposition parties' contention that a universal increase in contributions (and benefits) is in order.

It may help fend off the perception that their last budget — with the doubling of contributions to tax-free savings accounts (TSFAs) — was crafted to benefit the more affluent few rather than the more cash-strapped majority of working Canadians.

But it also sends a different, less attractive, message about the current Conservative mindset. In order to regain momentum in voting intentions and make it back to the magic threshold of a majority victory, the government is scrambling for rabbits — whether they are dead or alive — to pull out of its hat.

Canadians do not lack for vehicles that promote voluntary pension-building savings, but millions of them do not use them and end up not setting enough money aside for a decent retirement.

On Tuesday, the rabbit took the shape of a summer tour of the deserted provincial legislatures designed to create the appearance of action on pension reform.

On Monday, National Post columnist John Ivison reported that another GST cut is under consideration.

That too never came up in the April budget, and for good reason. There is nothing in the latest fiscal forecast presented by the Harper government that suggests it can afford the $7-billion price tag of another GST cut anytime soon, if ever.

Increasingly it seems the Conservative party is ready to make election promises that the Conservative government knows it can't or should not implement.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

"People who don't think Vancouver is boring, like boring."

Vancouver is the bimbo of Canada. Good-looking, sporting a smile, the city makes you feel better just by looking at it. Except the more time you spend together, the more you realize no one's home. As in, they've hit the mountains for the weekend.

The Economist's travel blogger, Gulliver, recently dubbed the city (and Vienna and Geneva) "mind-numbingly boring."

In a column bemoaning the loss of the gritty city, he calls Vancouver highly livable and, thus, highly dull, with little danger and few surprises.

That left the mayor indignant.

"It's true that Vancouver lacks the stressful vibe of cities where guns, muggers and freeways threaten one's daily existence," Mayor Gregor Robertson told media, but it compensates with "deep culture, breathtaking nature and intense recreation."

He's likely unaware of how boring "intense recreation" sounds. And his point — hey, we have nature! — isn't the point of a city at all.

Vancouver is where people sleep between gnarly mountain bike rides and kitesurfing. It lacks a concentration of urban wildlife — the guy with a giant pet lizard clinging to his shirt, the 24-hour gay club you notice thanks to smokers huddled by an unmarked door at 8 a.m. and then at 11 a.m. The piano-playing bartender who'll soon be hosting a concert in his living room.

Yes, Vancouver has the Downtown Eastside. But one very dynamic neighbourhood doesn't make an adventurous city. Even the underground music scene was literally forced into underground parkades after bylaws (more plentiful than Lululemon pants) closed down a slew of music venues, spawning the 2010 documentary No Fun City.

Maybe it's still young, but the city lacks soul. Even my Vancouverite brother agrees: "It's nice, but it lacks an edge. Everyone's like, 'Aren't you happy all the time? Isn't this wicked?' It's like no, it's not a wicked day. It sucks." (He said this before heading out for an evening of "killer" sailing).

People who don't think Vancouver is boring, like boring. Unlike Gulliver, they're not excited by mystery. Pleasant, even bland, is good.

Vancouver is like the pretty, popular kids in high school who lack substance, my sister-in-law noted. Research has backed up this cliché: beautiful people strive for conformity and self-promotion over independence.

Sound like anyone you know, Vancouver?

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How a porn star is born

NETFLIX

Documentary digs deep into why women choose the sex industry

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Life

A still from Hot Girls Wanted, an upcoming Netflix documentary by directors Jill Bauer and Ronna Gradus and produced by Rashida Jones. NETFLIX

Hot Girls Wanted directors Jill Bauer and Ronna Gradus stumbled upon the subject of their Sundance-lauded documentary completely by accident. The duo were looking to follow up on 2012's Sexy Baby (which explored how pop culture, pornography and social media affect young women) by exploring the male version of that experience. But in their research, a much more interesting story dropped in their laps.

"We ended up getting access to a porn recruiter's house in Miami," Gradus explains, about the origins of the doc that debuts Friday on Netflix. "There's this recruiter, he posts ads on Craigslist and then small-town girls who want to get out of their towns click on these ads and get a free plane ticket to Miami and then a week later they're on a porn set. We just thought, 'Whoa, this is the story.' The boy version of Sexy Baby is on the back burner, and we just ran with this one."

Given that two feature documentaries in a row for Gradus and Bauer have brought them into contact with the adult film world, they've become unexpected experts in the field, able to chart the changes to the industry. "The way that porn is being consumed online is the death of the porn studios," Bauer says. "A full-length feature porn film barely exists anymore. So much porn is free, so it doesn't pay for these companies to put a lot of money into production. This generation that's grown up with watching porn clips, would they even have the patience to watch a narrative story unfold? Maybe not, I don't know."

The directing duo has been trying to get to the bottom of central question of why so many young girls go in for pro-am porn in the first place. "There's not so much of a stigma now," Gradus admits. "But also, they are impulsive. They're 18, they don't think about it, they don't think that their dad's friend from work is going to have seen them. If the legal age that a girl could do this was 21 — the drinking age — it would probably be a huge bummer for the porn industry, I would just imagine."

Bauer concurs, but thinks there's another factor at work that has a lot to do with Kim Kardashian. "They feel a little bit of protection, naively. Like, 'There are so many girls, nobody's going to find me,'" Bauer says. "But of course everybody back home always finds out. But also they've grown up in a time when famous people made sex tapes."

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> Director Ronna Gradus

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Dating with genital herpes

SEX INFORMATION

Two women share their struggle to find love after STI diagnosis

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Amanda had just started dating again after ending her marriage when she found out she had genital herpes.

The 30-year-old from Vancouver, whose name has been changed to protect her privacy, thought she would never find love again.

"I was totally devastated," she told Metro. "I went through a grieving process and cut myself off from everyone for about a month."

Genital herpes is a common sexually transmitted infection. According to data collected through the Canadian Health Measures Survey, as many as one in seven Canadians aged 14 to 59 may be infected by herpes simplex virus 2, one of two viruses responsible for the infection.

Compared to many other sexually transmitted infections, herpes is relatively harmless. The infection may cause painful sores, a slight fever, swollen lymph nodes and body aches, but in many cases, people don't experience any symptoms. Only in extremely rare cases can the virus result in serious infections.

Still, herpes has a social stigma attached to it that for many sufferers is worse than the actual infection. According to a 2006 online poll conducted by pharmaceutical company Novartis, the stigma surrounding herpes is second only to HIV.

"The stigma is simply unjustified"
Alex McKay, Sex Information and Education Council of Canada

Alex McKay, executive director of the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada, says the stigma still attached to herpes is "rooted in ignorance." CONTRIBUTED

Alex McKay, executive director of the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada, blames the stigma attached to herpes on ignorance.

"The stigma is simply unjustified," he said. "It is by and large rooted in ignorance. The vast majority of Canadians have very little, if any, understanding of … herpes."

McKay said the percentage of the population with herpes is "huge," but most people don't know they carry the virus. While having many sexual partners does carry increased risks of acquiring any STI, herpes can spread between partners in long-term relationships just as easily, he said.

"Many of the people who may be making jokes about herpes may in fact have it themselves and they are unaware of it," said McKay. "The idea that people who have active genital herpes infections acquired it either through promiscuous sexual behaviour is completely false."

1 in 7
AS MANY AS ONE IN SEVEN CANADIANS AGED 14 TO 59 MAY BE INFECTED WITH HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE 2 VIRUS

94%
NINETY-FOUR PER CENT OF PEOPLE WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR ANTIBODIES AGAINST HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE 2 VIRUS WERE UNAWARE OF THEIR STATUS

6%
ONLY SIX PER CENT OF CANADIANS WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE 2 VIRUS WERE AWARE THAT THEY CARRIED THE VIRUS

That was the case for Melanie, 32, of Kingston, Ont., who became infected with herpes during a two-year relationship with the man she thought she would marry.

Melanie, whose name has also been changed to protect her privacy, said her ex-boyfriend told her soon after they started dating that he had herpes. Despite taking steps to prevent transmission, she also became infected.

When the relationship ended, Melanie said she now faced the daunting task of having to disclose her infection to potential new partners. For two years, she didn't date, and when she finally did, Melanie said she felt she had to justify how she became infected.

"It has such a negative connotation with it, of being promiscuous or taking risks," she said. "That's the hard part."

Vancouver's Amanda says she tried using a dating website that caters to people with genital herpes but found the selection of potential partners to be limited.

"The most frustrating thing is that in our dating culture, it's normal to just jump into bed with people you hardly know," she said. "And sometimes I have to tell them (I have herpes) before I am ready to because of that."

After her diagnosis, Amanda said felt she had little in the way of support due to the stigma.

She reached out to friends and family but said she felt people didn't really understand what she was going through. Others "weren't all that sympathetic," she said. Even her doctor brushed off her request for advice, telling her to look on the Internet for information.

Frustrated, Amanda said it wasn't until she found a local support group that she finally realized it would be possible to date again.

Amanda said she hopes sharing her story can help inform more people about herpes and help break down the stigma.

"Herpes itself is such an insignificant illness," she said, "but it causes so much pain because of all of the social barriers caused by it."

VIRUS FACTS

What is herpes and how common is it?

Herpes is an infection caused by the herpes simplex virus, or HSV.

There are two types of HSV that cause infections. HSV-1 generally causes oral herpes, commonly known as cold sores, while HSV-2 causes genital herpes.

However, there is mixing between the two, with HSV-2 causing oral herpes and HSV-1 causing genital herpes, said Dr. Jason Wong, physician epidemiologist at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

Condom use reduces but does not eliminate the risk of infection. ISTOCK

Although condom use reduces the risk of contracting the virus, which spreads through skin-to-skin contact even when sores aren't present, it does not eliminate the risk of infection.

When someone becomes infected, Wong said the virus lives in the nerves where it stays dormant most of the time.

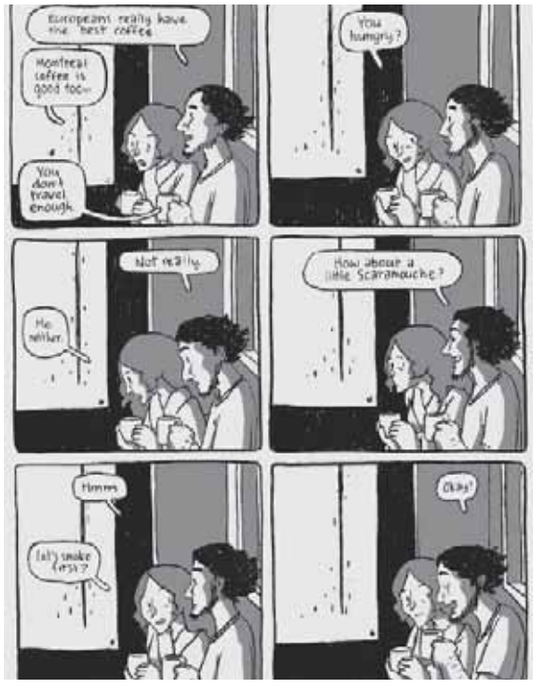
Occasionally, the virus becomes active — usually triggered by stress — and travels to the surface of the skin where it reproduces itself, Wong said.

That can result in a painful sore on the skin, he said, but sometimes a person does not have any symptoms. That makes it difficult to estimate the prevalence of herpes infection, he said.

According to data collected as part of the 2009 to 2011 Canadian Health Measures Survey, 13.6 per cent — or one in seven — Canadians aged 14 to 59 have antibodies against HSV-2. Still, 94 per cent of those who tested positive were unaware of their status.

Disclaimer: Although both women interviewed for this feature agreed the stigma surrounding herpes should be broken down, both requested to be quoted as anonymous sources as they feared for the repercussions of speaking publicly about their infections.

Illustrating sex and argument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Me neither
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3 BOOKS TO KEEP YOU UP AT NIGHT THIS WEEKEND

Drama in your personal life can be draining, but when you're merely an outsider, it can be addictive. All three of the books featured here are loaded with drama, albeit different types. Take the quiz to see which one will best satisfy your thirst for some weekend excitement.

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1 Your ideal vacation would be:
a. A road trip across America
b. A trip to the Mediterranean seaside
c. Travelling somewhere exotic, like the Middle East

2 What type of relationships really intrigue you?
a. Familial relationships, as between parents and kids
b. Former lovers
c. Current lovers

3 Which of the below rings most true to you?
a. "Growing up is losing some illusions, in order to acquire others"
b. "Man is not what he thinks he is, he is what he hides"
c. "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer"

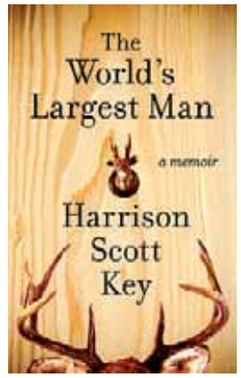
4 Who in your life do you admire the most?
a. Your mom or dad
b. A grandparent
c. A resourceful, quick-witted friend

5 What is the background on your phone?
a. A photo of someone you love
b. A photo from a recent vacation
c. A photo of something that motivates you to work hard

Mostly As

The World's Largest Man
By: Harrison Scott Key

Growing up in the Deep South, Harrison was fascinated by his father, a man's man who hunted, coached football and was a firefighter. But Harrison never seemed to be good enough for his dad. With a chip on his shoulder, Harrison consciously grew up to be his father's opposite: a mild mannered writer. It wasn't until he got married and became a father himself that he began to see his father in a new light.



Mostly Bs

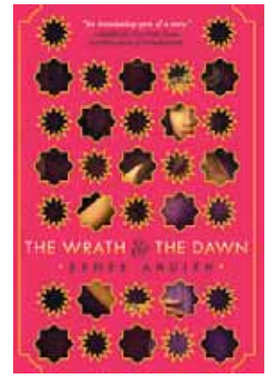
The Rocks
By: Peter Nichols

Lulu and Gerald were married to each other once, but that was when they were young. Now they're both living life's last act. They haven't talked in more 50 years even though they live down the street from one another. Something major drove them apart, but they've been able to keep it a secret from everyone. Until now.

Mostly Cs

The Wrath & The Dawn
By: Renee Ahdieh

Khalid is a young Middle Eastern king who gifts himself a new bride every single night, only to kill her in the morning. Shahrzad's lost her best friend because of his murderous ways and vows to get her revenge. She charms Khalid, making him fall for her. But then something unexpected happens: She starts falling for him, too.



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Eggs won't harm your health via cholesterol, according to a recent dietary report from the U.S. ASA DAHLGREN/TORSTAR

Eggs, bacon not so bad after all

DIETARY GUIDELINES

It's sunny side up for eggs when it comes to cholesterol

NUTRI-BITES
Theresa Albert
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Yippee! You can eat eggs again!

Until now it's been "common knowledge" that eating eggs and other foods containing saturated fat would raise your cholesterol levels. But a storm has been brewing for years as evidence to the contrary emerged.

Now, this year's dietary guidelines published by the U.S. government are set to reverse the long-held recommendations regarding high-cholesterol foods, which asked people to limit their intake to 300 mg/day. That's because according to a recent report from the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, evidence shows there is no relationship between consumption of dietary cholesterol and blood cholesterol.

Here's the lowdown:

- Your liver manages the cholesterol in your body.
- Cholesterol is a necessary substance in the formation of cells and the management of hormones.
- Your liver decides how much you need and whips up more or less as necessary.
- Only 20 per cent of your cholesterol level is affected by dietary changes.

So what does this mean for your burger, bacon and eggs, baby back ribs lovin' self?

- You can enjoy eggs and the occasional high-saturated fat food without fearing it will harm your heart via cholesterol.
- You still can't indulge in BBQ every day as there are other downsides to cooked meat

> **Cholesterol is not a nutrient of concern for overconsumption**
> Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

- The calories and sugar in a rib dinner will still get you in the end (or the on the love handles)
- Butter is better than margarine.
- Sugar is now and always was the real enemy. It will contribute to poor cholesterol.

If you are currently on cholesterol lowering medication, talk to your doctor. But know that changing your diet won't cure your cholesterol.

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who loves to spread the word on food.

LACK OF PATS

Japan can't supply butter to meet domestic demand

Japan was bracing this week for a severe butter shortage that threatened to crimp cake-making nationwide, bringing echoes of last year's dairy dire straits that left supermarket shelves empty.

The Japan Dairy Association is warning that demand for pats will outstrip supply by more than 7,000 tonnes, prompting the government to ready emergency imports.

At the root of the problem is a wider dairy deficit that sees farmers prioritizing the raw material for sales of liquid milk.

Herds have been cut over recent decades as demand has dropped with an aging Japanese population. AFP

Butter is in short supply in Japan. ISTOCK

Danielle Brooks will play Sophia in the Broadway production of The Color Purple. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

'Taystee is very much still alive'

DANIELLE BROOKS

Actor juggles OITNB role with Broadway commitment

Danielle Brooks is going from orange to purple — jumping from Orange Is the New Black on TV to a Broadway stage in the upcoming The Color Purple revival.

The actress, who plays Tasha "Taystee" Jefferson on the Netflix series, will play the proud, no-nonsense Sofia in the production directed and designed by John Doyle. She'll play the role Oprah Winfrey had in the film.

"My body is having an out-of-body experience," she said Wednesday by phone from a writers' workshop in New Harmony, Indiana. "I'm so shocked and honoured and grateful."

The cast also includes Jennifer Hudson as Shug Avery and Cynthia Erivo as Celie. All three women will be making their Broadway debuts. Performances start Nov. 9 at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre.

Brooks said The Color Purple was the very first Broadway show she ever saw 10 years ago when she was 15. "Now, 10 years later, I get to do it," she said. "I'm trying to hold it together."

The musical is a stage version of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel set in rural Georgia that covers a lifetime of events observed by Celie, a homely, uneducated farm woman whose dreams are repeatedly shattered by the cruelty of males.

Brooks, born and raised in South Carolina and educated at Juilliard's drama program, says she hopes she can juggle both her new Broadway commitment and Orange Is the New Black, which soon begins filming its fourth season and she credits with jump-starting her career.

"It's opened so many doors in so many ways. I'm grateful that they've been so supportive of me and the new journey that I'm about to take," Brooks said. "Taystee is very much still alive. So far. Knock on wood, please."

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COMIC-CON

Fey and Poehler action figures? Sure!

Ned Ehrbar

This might be a good time to point out that my birthday is coming up soon.

Toy company Bif Bang Pow! has unveiled its 2015 Comic-Con exclusive, and it is quite awesome. The company has made action figures out of Tina Fey and Amy Poehler and given them a Saturday Night Live Weekend Update play set. The only downside? The company only made 2,400 of the sets, and they're available for pre-order so I don't foresee that many still being available come July.

RELATIONSHIPS

Taylor's pals not keen on Calvin

Calvin Harris. GETTY IMAGES

Taylor Swift seems to be having a fantastic time dating EDM star Calvin Harris, but her pals apparently aren't too thrilled and want her to kick his Scottish bum to the curb.

"Calvin's putting on a front now," a pal reveals. "He used to date a bunch of club girls who were nothing like Taylor. If they ever came forward, it would hurt Taylor's brand," a source tells Life & Style.

But Swift doesn't seem too concerned with her friends' concerns. "They are getting very serious, very fast," the source adds. "Taylor has already introduced Calvin to her parents."

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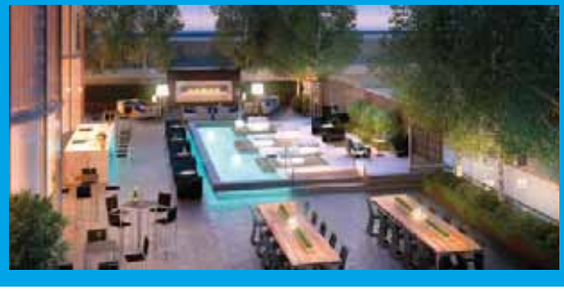

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'Stacks': More space, less cost

CONDO TOWNHOUSES

Stackables an option to pricey homes, small units

CONDO TRENDS
Duncan McAllister

With the average price of a single-family home now over the $1-million mark, Toronto has joined the ranks of other international cities in the high-end, premium real-estate sector.

Shana Bahrami is a broker with Royal LePage Signature Realty. She says the Toronto market was due for an upward price correction, and that real estate has been undervalued compared to other major global cities, such as New York, Los Angeles and Tokyo.

"I think we needed an adjustment. The prices were way too low for the largest city in Canada. Honestly, I don't think there is a bubble," Bahrami says.

Affordability factor

Some experts say that although Toronto's housing prices may seem out of reach to the average buyer, in many cases, it's is still an affordable choice on a global scale. As real-estate developer Brad Lamb once said, just because you can't afford it, doesn't mean it's not affordable.

That's no consolation for the young professional family, who these days is caught in a conundrum: The price of the housing market in Toronto is out of reach, and yet, the condo market does not offer units large enough for young families.

"This is where we see the value of the stackable condo townhouse," says Alex J. Wilson of Re/Max Condos Plus.

This new housing form is popular with both buyers and builders. "Stacks" have the advantages of a townhome, but are sold as condominiums.

These units are more attractive to end users because a project can be completed in two years instead of five for a tower.

The format allows builders to construct larger suites which will cater to the young professional's family.

Also, maintenance fees are lower; there are no costly common areas, lobbies or amenities, so cost per square foot is less than a traditional high-rise condo.

They're more efficient in terms of land use. Builders are able to realize increased density because they can build more units on the same lot.

From bottom to top

"In a stacked townhouse, you have three units; one in the basement, one on the main level and one on top of that." explains Wilson.

Some couples are waiting it out and buying condos as a stopgap measure.

"Recently, I sold to two couples in their early 30s actually looking towards purchasing a condo because right now, they are priced out of the housing market and then they'll wait until they can afford that single detached home," says Wilson.

HOUSES VERSUS CONDOS

Local facts and figures

- Standalone homes in Toronto sold for an average of $1,040,018 in February 2015, up 8.9 per cent from the same month a year earlier.
- In contrast, the average price of a Toronto condo is currently $448,760.
- Construction of new, single-family detached homes continues to decrease. It is predicted there will be only 7,000 units built in the GTA for 2016.
- Smaller condo units provide the greatest return for investors, so developers build units that cater to their needs.
- The median size of a new studio condo on the market in Toronto is just 394 sq. ft.
- The typical highrise takes five years to build. A young professional end user does not want to wait that long for home ownership.

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Extras abound at Fuse

Project overview

Fuse will be a mixed-use development, rising from a century-old warehouse which has been retained and restored. The latest addition to the 27.5 acre master-planned community of Davenport Village, the project represents one of today's best values for a central Toronto condo.

Building amenities

Residents will enjoy a wellness gym with the latest fitness and cardio equipment, as well as yoga studio. There's an activity room and events room that opens out to an outdoor terrace. There's also a theatre, a private lounge and a library.

Location and transit

In the heart of Toronto, within the master-planned community of Davenport Village at Dupont Street and Lansdowne Avenue. With links to TTC subway and bus routes, GO Transit and the new Union-Pearson Express train, you can be right downtown within 30 minutes. Drivers are a short run to Allen Road and Highway 401.

In the neighbourhood

The restored warehouse will eventually house a Shoppers Drug Mart and a Metro grocery. The area boasts a wide selection of shopping, pubs, restaurants, galleries and boutiques and independent furniture and clothing retailers.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: Fuse Condominiums
Builder: Neudorfer Corporation
Building: 27- and 23-storey point towers rising from a podium
Sizes: From 483 to 740 sq. ft.
Pricing: From $239,900
Suites: One bedroom, one bedroom plus den, two bedroom
Status: Selling phase
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Info: fusecondos.com, 416-534-4444

ADVICE

Buyer requests closing extension

LEGAL MATTERS

Jeffrey Cowan

Q: I have purchased a new condo and the final closing is scheduled to be in a couple of weeks. I am presently out of the country and I have had an operation in my home country that has rendered me unable to travel back to close the final transaction. I have requested an extension based upon my health considerations and I have been given an extra week to get back to Canada and close the deal. I am not scheduled to travel for three weeks and my doctors have insisted I not get on a plane to come back before that time. After several requests for a reasonable extension, including providing my travel itinerary, my lawyer has informed with me that if I do not close on the builder's unilaterally imposed 'extended' closing date that the builder will cancel the transaction and keep my deposit. This seems a bit harsh and I am concerned I will lose $70,000 in my deposits?

> **I am concerned I will lose $70,000 in my deposits**

A: Truly, the builder's position seems to be quite strict. By way of background, contracts for pre-build condos are typically one-sided with the vendor being able to impose closing dates and threaten cancellation and forfeiture of deposits if you cannot close on their time schedule. This is becoming more and more common and is bad for business. I think cooler heads should prevail and the builder and their representatives should reconsider their position. The builder should not look at this as an adversarial situation but rather as assisting one of their clients who has purchased a very expensive asset and cannot close on a specific date because of a serious health problem.

REAL ESTATE

What's hot on the market

DUNCAN MCALLISTER

1 VAUGHAN

Grand opening: This Saturday, Impressions of Kleinburg is celebrating the official launch of the third phase of its new, master-planned community of towns, semis and singles. Visit the presentation centre at Hwy. 27 and Major Mackenzie Drive West.

CONTACT: 905-893-9500, FIELDGATEHOMES.COM

2 SCARBOROUGH

Ground breaking: Harmony Village Sheppard will be hosting the event on Saturday at 11 a.m., followed by a VIP sales event at 12 p.m. Potential buyers will be able to take advantage of pre-construction pricing. Head over to 3260 Sheppard Ave. E.

CONTACT: 416-493-0123, HARMONYVILLAGE.CA

3 SUMMERHILL

Open house: A very unique, spacious, two-storey corner suite with three bedrooms and three bathrooms, located in a grand condo complex in a midtown Toronto neighbourhood. Check it out at 40 Oaklands Ave., on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Mixed communities to serve growth needs

Bryan Tuckey

With an increasing amount of new-home purchasers choosing to live closer to where they work, our industry is helping make that possible by building more mixed-use communities.

Mixed-use or complete communities combine residential, commercial, retail and recreational elements into one community where people can "live, work and play."

The province forecasts that the GTA will continue to grow by up to 100,000 people and 50,000 jobs every year, and it encourages the development of mixed-used communities to meet growth needs.

Our members have become experts in implementing these provincial growth policies and blending residential living with a combination of commercial, retail or industrial work spaces — while creating a sense of community in neighbourhoods across the region.

One of the challenges we are facing is meeting some of the targets set for the number of people and jobs municipalities have to accommodate. Our members are finding it hard to meet the employment space targets in the province's plan.

> **100,000**
> **Yearly population growth in the GTA alone, as forecast by the province.**

The nature of employment has changed, business space needs have changed and the employment numbers are not growing as fast as the population in the GTA. Outside the City of Toronto, it can be a struggle to reach the province's target of 50 jobs per hectare.

In recent years, the region has experienced a significant loss of manufacturing jobs. In many places there are not enough new jobs being created to replace the old jobs that have been lost. Many of the buildings that used to house manufacturing jobs have been converted into warehouses that store goods and have far fewer workers.

In Toronto — especially in the downtown core — meeting employment targets is not as difficult. Instead our challenge is working within already established areas and working to integrating new developments into existing neighbourhoods.

I'm proud to be a part of an industry that creates thousands of jobs in construction and related fields through the construction of quality, complete communities. Together we are building a greater GTA.

BRYAN TUCKEY IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (BILD) AND A LAND-USE PLANNER WHO HAS WORKED FOR MUNICIPAL, REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS.

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LIFESTYLE OPTIONS ABOUND IN IDYLLIC STOUFFVILLE

It's no mistake that the population of Stouffville, Ontario, is increasing quickly — Ontarians are catching on that Stouffville is the perfect balance between town and city life.

Luckily, there are new homes in Stouffville to match every taste, at a range of prices. Since 2008, home builder Geranium Homes has been creating neighbourhoods that are adding to the vibrancy of Stouffville.

"Like many smaller towns within striking distance of Toronto's core, Stouffville has undergone significant change and growth over the past decades, yet it still retains its intimate village character people find so appealing," says Boaz Feiner, president of Geranium Homes, the housing division of Geranium Corporation. "It offers the tranquility that people crave in country life, with the convenience and social opportunities that you'll find in a city."

Pace on Main by Geranium Homes offers elegant living near Stouffville amenities. CONTRIBUTED

Live at your own Pace

On Stouffville's Main Street, a centrally located home comes well-appointed at a great price. Pace on Main by Geranium Homes is a boutique condominium building in the Town's heart and the first to offer a Main Street address.

This intimate collection of just 67 residences is nestled within a neighbourhood of rich heritage architecture and meandering century-old, treelined streets.

"Pace on Main is attracting people who are downsizing; buying their first home; or looking for an investment in an up and coming area, whether they move in themselves or rent it out," says Boaz Feiner. The condo, which is now in pre-construction sales, was designed to appeal to a broadly based audience.

First-time buyers don't need a car even if they work in downtown Toronto: a GO Train is situated across the road from Pace. For drivers, Highways 48, 404 and 407 are easily accessible, and trips across the GTA and north to Cottage Country are a breeze.

Pace on Main is also at the centre of a neighbourhood alive with galleries, theatre, farm markets, fitness, recreation and more. Everything that's important to living a great lifestyle is here, just steps away.

Indoors, elegant details and exceptional design define each residence. Meticulously envisioned and carefully planned, each of the condominiums floor plans cultivates its own distinct personality. Suites offer modern, sophisticated features and finishes that showcase a truly luxurious lifestyle.

The gourmet kitchens are the perfect place to prepare fresh produce from the farmers market, with their granite countertops, glass or ceramic tile backsplash, stainless steel undermount sink, and chef-ready stainless steel appliances.

The spa-inspired bathrooms feature quartz countertops, mosaic floor tiles and porcelain wall tiles, fixed glass panel shower enclosures and a soaker tub — the ultimate place to unwind.

Within its modest five storeys, large one-bedroom to spacious three-bedroom layouts ranging from 650 sq. ft. to 1,571 sq. ft. are available. Prices include one underground parking space, starting from $329,900. Ask about the current Cash Back bonus and for more details.

The Pace on Main Sales Centre has a model kitchen vignette and is located at 6212 Main St (on the north side, just east of the GO Station) in Stouffville. 905-591-1071. Visit paceonmain.com

Embrace the woodland

If you desire a large home with plenty of green space, Bloomington Woods in Stouffville is the place for you. The 14 estate lots are nestled in a beautiful country setting, just minutes from the town's centre.

"Our estate home neighbourhoods are small, bespoke jewels," says Stephanie Lane, marketing and sales manager of Geranium Homes, the builder of Bloomington Woods. This new enclave follows on the success of Geranium's two estate home communities in Ballantrae — Forest Trail Estates and Copperstone — and is located just north of Bloomington Road on the west side of 9th Line.

The collection of bungalow, bungalow-loft and two-storey estate homes sit on ¾-acre lots, many that border protected natural woodland. Geranium's signature feature is a covered loggia, which adds significant outdoor living space overlooking the back garden.

Homes range from 2,990 to 6,006 sq. ft. and start from $1.3 million. The Presentation Centre is located at 5 Pine Vista Avenue, on the west side of Highway 48 just south of Aurora Road, Ballantrae. Call 905-642-1900 or visit GeraniumHomes.com

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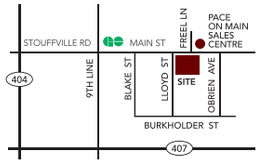

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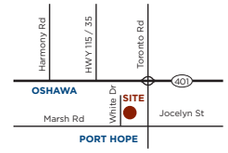

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What they're a$king

OUR CITY

The modern suburban home is made for those who relish the luxury of open space, manicured lawns and quiet, safe streets conducive to raising a family. Metro looks at detached, newer, resale houses in subdivisions outside of town. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

$1,448,800

Toronto

This stately, custom-built brick home is located at 303 Iredale Rd. The bright, sun-filled, four-bedroom house was built in 2008 in Mill Pond, Richmond Hill, a suburb north of Toronto. Featured are hardwood floors, a formal living and dining area, and a family room with gas fireplace, pot lights and custom archways. There's a finished basement with a separate entrance, laminate floors, a finished cold room with plenty of storage space, and nanny quarters. There's also a landscaped yard with a cedar deck and built-in lights. Listing agent Shana Bahrami is with Royal LePage Signature Realty, 416-403-4300.

$539,900

Ottawa

This four-bedroom home in Morgan's Grant features spacious principal rooms, a striking foyer, two family rooms plus an open, finished recreation room. There's cherry flooring on the main floor, marble in the powder room, foyer and laundry, and imported Italian tile in the kitchen. There's also a fenced backyard. Listing agent Geoff McGowan is a sales representative with Re/Max Affiliates Realty, 613-216-1755.

$979,000

Halifax

Here's a spacious, custom home in the sought-after Fairmount subdivision. Built in 2007, it has five bedrooms and five bathrooms. Boasting 5,300 sq. ft. of living space, the house features vaulted ceilings, large windows, crown mouldings, a back patio, and Brazilian Jatoba hardwood floors. The family room has a propane fireplace and the master bedroom has a balcony and large ensuite. Listing agent is Russ Manderville from Keller Williams Select Realty, 902-229-0650.

$439,900

Winnipeg

Here's an example of a three-bedroom, four-bathroom home in the Sage Creek community. This is a custom-built Broadview home with an attached garage. The upstairs also has a large loft family room area and French doors open onto the master bedroom. This property has a professionally landscaped backyard with a garden shed and fire pit. Listing agent is Darryl Walsh, a sales representative with Royal LePage Dynamic Real Estate, 204-297-0860.

$1,179,900

Calgary

Aspen Woods is one of Calgary's most desirable suburbs, and Looma Homes built this detached home in the area in 2014. It's a two-storey walkout featuring views to the south, with 3,142 sq. ft. of living space. The main floor is open and bright, with a den and a large, formal dining area. The upper level has three bedrooms, and a bonus room that could be converted into a fourth bedroom. Tim Lind is a sales representative for Re/Max Real Estate (Mountain View), 403-333-0837.

$898,000

Vancouver

For sale is a two-storey, wood frame house in the suburb of New Westminster, near Vancouver. The five-year-old, custom-built home sits on the largest lot on the block. It's a unique floor plan replete with modern features. There are three bedrooms upstairs and one bedroom downstairs, with the kitchen and family room overlooking the living area. The listing agent is Lance Hughes with Re/Max Progroup Realty, 604-943-8080.

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Lines, lightness set furnishings

DESIGN CENTRE
Karl Lohnes

During a quick visit to the International Contemporary Furniture Fair (a.k.a. 'The ICFF') in New York last week, one trend was graphically visible: chairs and lighting are becoming airier and linear in their looks.

The new lines and see-through styles are perfect for small spaces and show an appreciation for both modern and industrial style for the home. Here are products that fit this trend:

1 Pumpkin Counter-Height Stool
Low-upholstered comfort and thin legs create a floating effect at the kitchen counter. $249, Structube.com

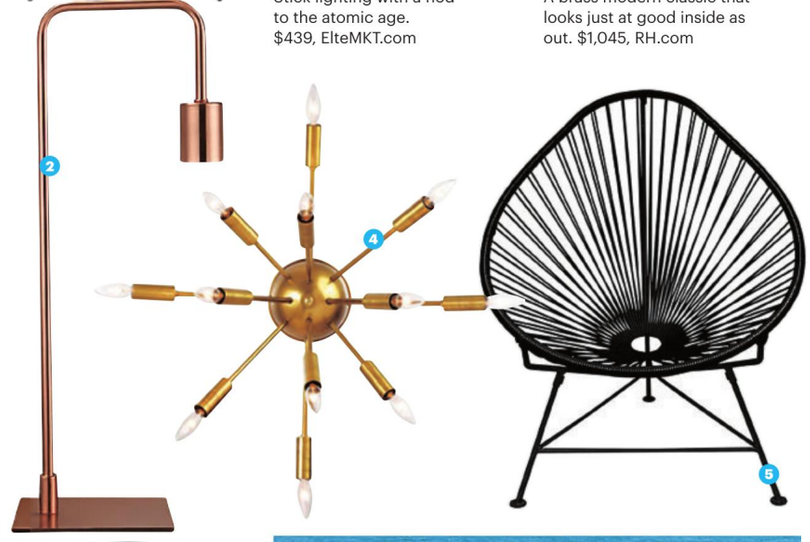
2 Copper Arc Table Lamp
Clean and simple shapes shed light on the linear decor trend. $80, CB2.com

3 Nine-Armed Atom Chandelier
Stick lighting with a nod to the atomic age. $439, ElteMKT.com

4 12-Light Satellite Sconce
Use as a wall sconce or a flush-mount ceiling fixture to create an industrial sunburst of light. $460, DWR.com

5 Acapulco Chair
Combine ergonomic comfort with retro-modern esthetic form. $799, TheBay.com

6 Montecito Outdoor Lounge Chair
A brass modern classic that looks just at good inside as out. $1,045, RH.com



The man who grows chairs from trees

DESIGN

Gavin Munro shapes growth around frames for furniture

Deep in the English countryside, there's a bizarre sight: rows of trees being grown into upside-down chairs, slowly taking shape over years of careful nurturing.

Around 150 armchairs, 100 lampshades and other items including mirror frames are being grown out of the ground in a highly unusual adventure in furniture design.

The brainchild of Gavin Munro, his Full Grown company has produced some early prototypes, with each item one solid, jointless piece of wood.

"It's a bit like a vineyard. You've got a few years to get everything up and growing," he said.

A chair from Full Grown can take years to create.
PHOTO VIA FULL GROWN ON FACEBOOK

Give-and-take process

And it is not simply a case of planting the trees and leaving them to it. There's plenty of give and take between Munro and his plantation.

"They don't grow into chairs on their own. At the same time, you can't force them to do anything they don't want to do otherwise they die back," he said.

The 2.5-acre plot of rented farmland is situated in the rolling grassy fields outside the market town of Wirksworth in rural Derbyshire, central England.

On a farm also containing a micro-brewery, a smokery, flower cultivation and plenty of sheep, the rows of trees are growing around blue corrugated plastic frames.

Munro, 40, nurtures them and coaxes them into shape, through years of pruning, coppicing and grafting.

Willow can take four to five years to grow into a chair, whereas oak can take up to nine years.

Munro also works with ash, hazel, crab apple and sycamore.

Early experiments with chemical weed killer caused more harm than good, so organic methods are used.

Powdery mildew is suppressed with milk, while caterpillars are picked off.

The daily duties involve grounds maintenance and trimming the furniture with secateurs.

"At any given point, there's a branch that's in the right moment to do something and you've got to find it," said Munro.

"For every 100 pieces, there are 1,000 shoots and branches that you want, and 10,000 that you don't. It's not necessarily obvious which one is which."

Early experiences got Munro's mind racing about what he could do with trees.

His mother had an overgrown bonsai which looked like a throne, while a bad back as a youngster meant Munro's spine was broken and reset in hospital.

"That got me thinking about grafting and how things stick together." AFP

PRICE TAGS

Full Grown goods attract international buyers

Full Grown's chairs go for $4,761 CDN, lampshades start at $1,714 and hexagon-shaped mirrors at $857. Pre-sales have largely gone to customers in France and the United States, but the telephone is also buzzing with orders from London, Hong Kong, Germany and Spain. AFP

Furniture maker Gavin Munro. AFP PHOTO/OLI SCARFF

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UPLIFTING NEWS! ALL MONARCH CONDOS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

View from Picasso. CONTRIBUTED

Monarch has sold over 10,000 condominium suites and achieved a notable level of success in some of the most desirable settings in the Greater Toronto Area. Monarch has earned recognition as a pacesetter, continually raising the bar in this highly competitive environment with their inspired building designs and award-winning floor plans. Presently all of Monarch's new high rise communities are under construction.

Waterscapes, Lago and Riva del Lago on the Etobicoke waterfront are all in the construction phase and savvy purchasers can take advantage of the amazing promotions being offered. In celebration of the official ground-breaking ceremony on May 21st at Monarch's elegant 16-storey boutique condominium, Riva del Lago is offering up to $25,000 in Move-In Bonus for a limited time only. Lago is offering new purchasers up to $35,000 as a Move-In Bonus.

At Waterscapes, just 3 suites remain and all are Move-In Ready. This fabulous condominium has been a great success and those who are interested in viewing the available suites can visit the Sales Office, or come see our beautiful fully furnished Model Suite on the weekend during open houses every Saturday and Sunday 12 pm to 4 pm. One-bedroom+den suites start from the mid $400,000's and 2-bed+den from the $800,000's. Waterscapes is offering a Move-In Bonus of up to $30,000.

With Monarch's history on Etobicoke's Humber Bay Shores waterfront, the builder has been a key player in the successful redevelopment of this trendsetting area. Currently selling on the waterfront, Waterscapes, Lago and Riva del Lago are just steps from everything, the lakeside trails, shops, and cool new eateries. The Humber Bay Shores is the ideal contemporary active living setting; a lakeside trail system, naturalized wetlands, fish and butterfly habitat areas, bike paths, picnic and small beach areas.

Lago and Riva del Lago offer suites with unobstructed views of the lake and city skyline. The Riva Club within Riva del Lago offers extensive amenities for an active and social lifestyle including Party Room with a convertible Billiard Table, Caterer's Kitchen and bar, terrace with BBQ areas, Theatre and Fitness Room with commercial grade equipment, TV, cardio, and Change Rooms. The Lago Club at the striking 50-storey Lago condominium includes a designer-decorated Party Room with Caterer's Kitchen and bar that opens onto a private balcony area with BBQ, a Theatre and a Sports Lounge with billiard table. A dynamic Fitness Room offers cardio, yoga, and weights area. Lago also features an Indoor Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, Dry Saunas and Change Rooms, available to residents of both Riva del Lago and Lago.

Suites at Lago range from 424 sq. ft. to 1,408 sq. ft. priced from the $200,000's to $1 million plus. Suites at Riva del Lago range from 551 sq. ft. to 1,442 sq. ft. priced from the mid $300,000's to $800,000+.

Construction beings at Riva del Lago. CONTRIBUTED

For Monarch's Humber Bay Shores communities, you can visit the Lago and Riva del Lago Presentation Centre at 2167 Lake Shore Blvd. West. Open from Monday to Thursday 12pm to 6 pm and weekends and holidays from 12pm to 5pm. For more information, call 416-495-3544.

Picasso on Richmond

One of the most remarkable architectural statements in Toronto, Monarch's Picasso on Richmond is very much a part of the celebrated Queen West experience, named by Vogue magazine "the world's second coolest neighbourhood". Picasso on Richmond offers a world of amenities. A long list of exciting lifestyle features include designer-decorated Party Room with Caterer's Kitchen and bar, outdoor party patio, 24-hour Concierge, Fitness Centre with dry saunas, open area dining, Sports Lounge with a Billiard Table and an outdoor Hot Tub and fireplace. Picasso is offering a limited time incentive of 1% off the purchase price as well as two years of free maintenance fees. The only 6 remaining suites at Picasso, ranging from 844 sq. ft. to 1,231 sq. ft., are sure to go quickly, priced from the mid $500,000's. Call right away for an appointment 416-495-3549.

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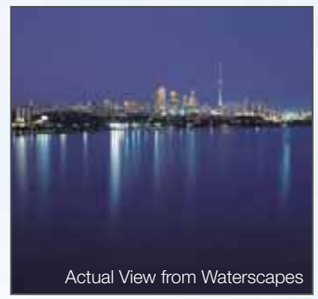
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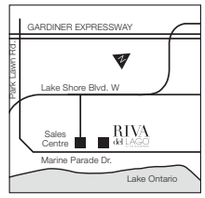

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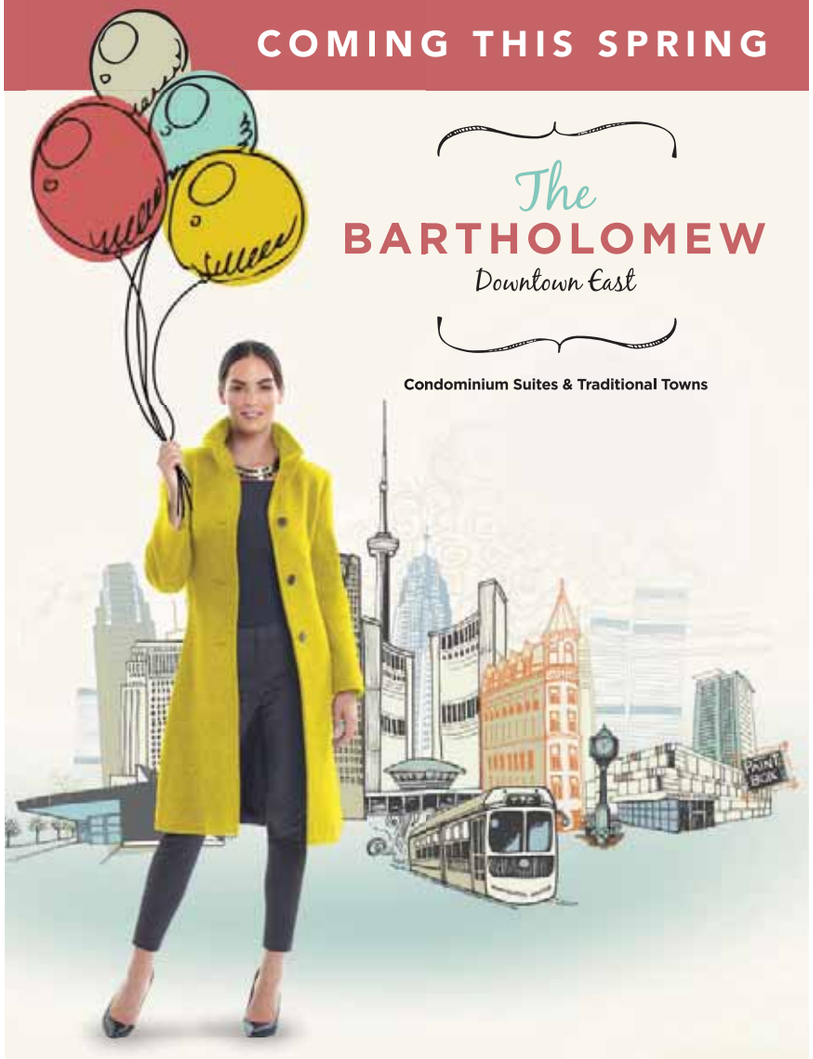

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The new backyard hangouts

NEED A PERMIT? City and municipal rules vary, so check with the local zoning department before adding a shed to your property.

When Morgaine Ford-Workman and Wren Workman bought a house with a backyard shed, they saw the potential for something more than storing garden tools. The couple transformed the 10-by-12-foot building into a bar to use during parties at their home in Morrisville, Penn.

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MORGAINE FORD-WORKMAN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NO GARDEN TOOLS HERE

Barshed draws rave reviews

"We're involved in community theatre and we like to throw a lot of parties," Ford-Workman said. "It's an extra place to hang out." Ford-Workman and her husband spent about $300 fixing up their structure, which friends have dubbed "Barshed." They furnished it with cast-off furniture from friends. "Our Barshed is nothing to put in a home-design magazine by any stretch of the imagination, but all our friends rave about its existence," she said.

JEREMY HORGAN-KOBELSKI/STUDIO SHED VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ECONOMICAL MOVE

No need to buy new house

Jennifer and Eric Antonow added a shed to their Palo Alto, Calif., property because they can't afford a bigger house. "It made so much economic sense," she said. They use their shed as a home office and recording studio. It sits next to their hot tub, so sometimes they use it as a changing room. Jennifer also anticipates serving drinks there while entertaining outside. The Antonows needed a permit to install the shed, which rests on a concrete slab.

REPURPOSED SHEDS OFFER A PLACE TO UNWIND

Converted spaces serve various purposes

People looking to get more use out of their backyards are building or converting sheds for a variety of purposes. There are backyard pubs. "She sheds," when they're built by women. Home offices. Yoga studios. TV rooms. "As we continue to explore other ways we can utilize our backyard space, we will continue to see trends like this," said Stacy Nelson, owner of backyard-design consulting firm, Backyard Mamma, in Weston, West Va. "We want to be in nature and unwind." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TFC breaks on Manchester City's 85th-minute bender

FRIENDLY AT THE EX

Evans' late strike gives Premier League giants the edge

George Evans scored from distance in the 85th minute to lift Manchester City to a 1-0 win over Toronto FC in a soccer friendly Wednesday night.

The 20-year-old substitute midfielder, a member of City's Elite Development Squad, found the top corner with an exquisite shot from outside the penalty box.

Up until then, it looked like Toronto, sparked by its youngsters in the second half, would hold the England powerhouse to a scoreless draw. Bright Dike had a chance to tie it in stoppage time but headed wide.

Toronto had spent much of the first half chasing the slick-passing tourists as the Canadian women's national team looked on from one corner of BMO Field. The women got a rousing ovation from the announced crowd of 23,169 when they came onto the field to take a bow at halftime.

Star striker Sergio Aguero, who led the Premier League in scoring this season and reportedly makes more than $300,000 US a week, came off the bench to loud cheers to start the second half. Argentine international Pablo Zabaleta also joined the fray.

Manchester City's David Silva and TFC's Daniel Lovitz collide under a picturesque sunset during Wednesday night's friendly in Toronto. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The home side countered by introducing Jonathan Osorio, Warren Creavalle and three players from Toronto FC 2.

And it was Toronto teenager Jordan Hamilton who came close when he sent a shot just wide after a fine run into the box was spotted by Manny Aparicio in the 55th minute. The 19-year-old Hamilton came close again 10 minutes later, forcing goalie Willy Caballero to palm the ball away.

The younger version of TFC gave a good account of itself as Man City emptied its bench. Aguero had his chances but could not convert and pleaded for a penalty when he went down in the 78th minute as a rainbow appeared above the East Stand.

David Silva's hard, close-range shot was stopped by Toronto goalkeeper Alex Bono's face in the 75th minute, causing the crowd to cringe when the play was shown on the big screen.

A minute late, the 19-year-old Aparicio hit the post with a volley off a Jackson feed. At the other end, Nick Hagglund then made a key block.

BMO FIELD **Friendly**

MAN CITY	TFC
1	0

Toronto fielded a strong lineup, at least to start with. Regulars Michael Bradley, Sebastian Giovinco, Benoit Cheyrou, Justin Morrow, Ashtone Morgan and Hagglund started with goalie Joe Bendik returning after a six-game absence due to a foot injury.

Giovinco, who came in nursing a bruised heel, exited in the 28th minute — to boos from fans who presumably wanted to see more. Bendik gave way to Bono at the same time, moments after a diving save on David Silva

The City starting 11 featured three players — Yaya Toure, Aleksandar Kolarov and Silva — who started in Sunday's Premier League finale, a 2-0 win over Southampton. Six other City starters Wednesday were on the bench Sunday.

City had some time to relax since arriving in Toronto Monday.

Aguero tweeted a photo of himself with Will Smith on the Toronto set of Suicide Squad.

James Milner and 'keepers Joe Hart and Richard Wright visited Rogers Centre, chatted with Jose Bautista, toured the Jays' locker-room and tried their hands in the batting cage.

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WORLD CUP

Officials say tournament won't be tarnished

The FIFA corruption scandal won't tarnish the Women's World Cup, say the Canadian Soccer Association and Canada's sports minister.

Swiss prosecutors opened criminal proceedings into FIFA's awarding of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups Wednesday.

News of the criminal investigation comes 10 days before the Women's World Cup kicks off. The 24-team tournament runs though July 5 in Edmonton, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal and Moncton.

The CSA, which doubles as the World Cup's national organizer, said in a statement that it was "extremely disappointed by today's developments and welcome and support all efforts to eliminate this type of behaviour in the sport."

The CSA said it would make no further comment.

Bal Gosal GETTY IMAGES

Federal Sports Minister Bal Gosal, meanwhile, said he's confident that Canadian soccer authorities won't be pulled into the criminal investigations into FIFA executives and that the World Cup will be a success.

Gosal called the allegations terrible, but an internal matter for FIFA's executive.

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Former CONCACAF president Jack Warner, who was indicted Wednesday, was instrumental in bringing the 2007 U-20 World Cup to Canada. That bid led to Canada's national soccer stadium, BMO Field, being built. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CONCACAF CONNECTION

Warner had close ties to Canadian soccer

Jack Warner, charged in a U.S. Department of Justice indictment that led to a wave of FIFA-related corruption arrests Wednesday, has played a key hand in Canadian soccer over the years.

The native of Trinidad and Tobago was president of CONCACAF — which covers North and Central America and the Caribbean — from 1990 to 2011 and was a key power broker as FIFA vice-president.

He resigned under a cloud from FIFA, CONCACAF and his national association in 2011, which according to FIFA rules at the time ended all ethics committee cases against him.

Warner was a good friend to have in world soccer.

Kevan Pipe, former chief operating officer of the Canadian Soccer Association, credited Warner for helping land the 2007 FIFA U-20 World Cup, which was tied to the building of BMO Field.

"None of this would have happened without the complete, committed support of Jack Warner, who really went, in my estimation, above and beyond in his support for Canada to get this thing done," Pipe said in a 2007 interview. "It all boiled down to if we didn't build this stadium, this championship wouldn't have come. And none of this would have occurred without the political support that we had from Day 1 from Jack Warner."

Warner turned himself in to Trinidad police shortly after they issued an arrest warrant at the request of U.S. authorities Wednesday. He has been released on $2.5-million bail.

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Former CONCACAF president Jack Warner in April 2011 GETTY IMAGES

ChiSox elude Blue Jays sweep

MLB

Toronto's winning streak snapped in extra innings

Toronto's Josh Donaldson provided some late drama for a second straight day at Rogers Centre.

This time it wasn't enough for a victory over a plucky Chicago White Sox side.

Once again, Donaldson homered off Chicago closer David Robertson in the ninth inning, but this time no one was on base. The game-tying solo shot forced an extra frame and the White Sox scored a pair off reliever Roberto Osuna in the 10th for a 5-3 win on Wednesday.

Adam LaRoche drove in Jose Abreu with the go-ahead run and pinch-runner Emilio Bonifacio tacked on an insurance run when he scored on a Gordon Beckham double. Chicago (20-24) ended its four-game losing skid and salvaged the finale of the three-game series.

WEDNESDAY In Toronto

WHITE SOX	BLUE JAYS
5	3

It was the first loss in four games for Toronto (22-27) and it capped a 5-5 homestand. Robertson (4-1) blew the save in the ninth but came back out for the 10th.

Chicago caught a break in the third inning when right-fielder Ezequiel Carrera lost a fly ball in the bright afternoon sun, allowing two runs to score. The White Sox scratched out another run in the sixth on their way to their second win in nine games.

"We feel like we're playing pretty well," Donaldson said. "I'm not here to make excuses but a ball gets in the sun and scores two runs, that's just baseball. At the end of the day we kept pushing and gave ourselves a chance to win."

"Obviously they ended up scoring a few more runs in the end."

Toronto starter Marco Estrada allowed three earned runs and eight hits over seven innings. He had two strikeouts.

The Blue Jays are off Thursday and will kick off a six-game road trip Friday night in Minnesota. Toronto has struggled over the first two months of the season but entered play Wednesday just three games behind first-place New York in the weak American League East division.

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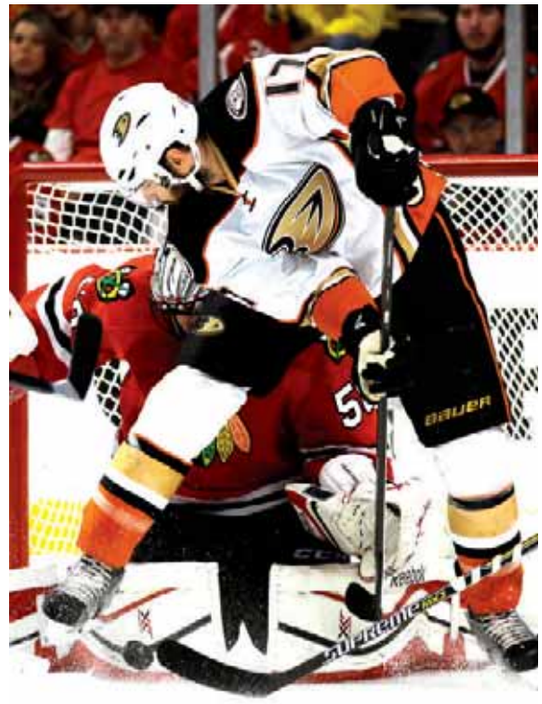
> **If (Robertson) could stay away from Donaldson, we'd be all right.**
> White Sox manager Robin Ventura



NHL PLAYOFFS EAST FINAL PUSHED TO SEVENTH GAME Blackhawks goaltender Corey Crawford makes a save on the Ducks' Ryan Kesler during Game 6 of the Western Conference final on Wednesday night in Chicago. The Blackhawks scored the first three goals and held on to win 5-2 to even the series at 3-3. Game 7 will be played in Anaheim on Saturday night. NAM Y. HUH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Sabres interview Bylsma for head coach vacancy

Former Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma interviewed for the Buffalo Sabres' vacancy Wednesday.

A person familiar with the discussions told The Associated Press the talks took place in Buffalo and included Sabres owners Terry and Kim Pegula and general manager Tim Murray. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the Sabres have declined to discuss their search to replace Ted Nolan, who was fired last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Halep upset in second round of French Open

Simona Halep became the highest seeded player to exit the French Open so far as last year's runner-up lost 7-5, 6-1 to Mirjana Lucic-Baroni in the second round on Wednesday.

The third-seeded Halep struggled from the start and was overpowered in the second set, slumping to her second straight defeat against her 70th-ranked opponent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Argos giving Ray time to heal

Argos quarterback Ricky Ray received medical clearance to throw a football on Tuesday. MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY IMAGES

CFL

Star QB had off-season surgery on his shoulder

The Toronto Argonauts opened rookie camp Wednesday with no definite timetable regarding the return of veteran quarterback Ricky Ray.

The three-time Grey Cup champion reported to the start of mini-camp at York University almost six months after undergoing off-season surgery on his right throwing shoulder. But while the other four quarterbacks wore helmets and shoulder pads, Ray donned a baseball cap and watched as veterans Trevor Harris and Mitchell Gale took the bulk of opening snaps.

Ray, 35, threw a football before Wednesday's practice for the first time since his surgery. Ray said he began throwing a baseball and tennis ball a few weeks ago and graduated to a football after receiving medical clearance Tuesday.

> **"Everything I've been told is his progress is going according to plan and we're hopeful he'll continue to improve rapidly.**
> Argos head coach Scott Milanovich

"Throwing the football was similar to when I first started throwing a few weeks ago, it's sore, it's still a little weak," Ray said. "The good thing is when I started throwing a few weeks ago, the baseball and tennis ball, it improved every day.

"I'm hoping the next time I throw, it will feel a little bit better and as we go just continue to improve and improve."

The six-foot-three, 210-pound Ray said players are always eager to return ahead of schedule. However, in this instance, Ray added patience is indeed a virtue.

"You want to be out there, you want to push through things, you want to be the guy who comes back early," he said. "Most of the time that's not the best thing to do.

"The good thing is the coaches, (GM Jim) Barker and all the docs have been pretty patient with me so far. They're not making me feel like I have to rush to do anything. They're giving me the time to heal up and we'll see."

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- 6 single boneless chicken breasts
- 1 cup mashed ripe avocado (1 large or two small)
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro
- 2 Tbsp reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 2 tsp finely chopped jalapeño pepper (or 1 tsp hot chili sauce)
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 4 tsp lemon or lime juice
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup diced ripe mango
- 1/2 cup finely diced red bell pepper

Directions

1. Grill the chicken breasts, just until cooked or temperature reaches 160 F, approximately 10 minutes. Keep covered while preparing guacamole.

2. For guacamole, combine avocado, cilantro, mayonnaise, jalapeño, garlic, lemon juice and salt and pepper in a small bowl.

3. Slice each chicken breast on an angle, set on a serving plate, add guacamole down the centre and garnish with mango and red pepper.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 6)
- Calories 162
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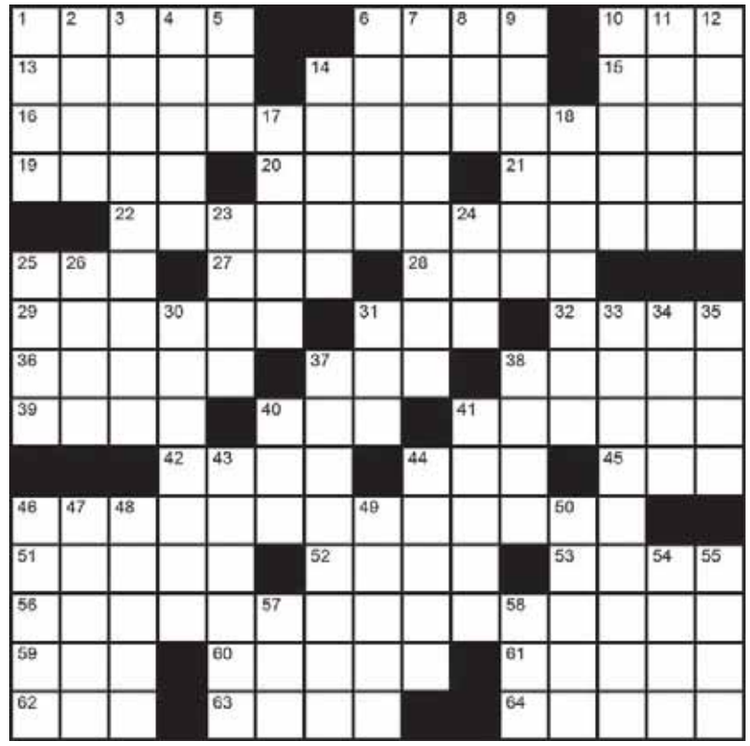

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62. Arrange
63. "_ _ I say, not..."
64. Beer mug

DOWN
1. Montreal-born songstress
2. At the drop of _ _ (Fast)
3. Locale on Halifax Harbour
4. French explorer in Canada, Pierre _ _ de Monts
5. Patty Hearst's kidnappers [acronym]
6. Scope
7. Charli XCX's current song collaboration with #18-Down
8. Nav. rank
9. Hollywood's Liam
10. Approaching, archaically
11. Canadian writer Alice
12. In _ _ (Upset)
14. "_ _ Majesty's Secret Service (1969)"
17. Paperback numbers
18. Record producer, Giorgio _ (Trivia! He produced most of Donna Summer's hits)
23. Flanders river
24. Onetime bird
25. Mr. Estrada
26. Minister of Health Ms. Ambrose
30. Start of a countdown...: 2 wds.
31. 'F' in FWIW
33. Shots from the other side: 2 wds.
34. "To Live and Die _ _-_" (1985)
35. Word segment [abbr.]
37. Strix _ (Great Gray Owl, fancy-style)
38. "Road to _" (1952)
40. Texter's "No! Way!"
41. Mr. B. DeMille
43. Pathless
44. Skyline components, for short
46. Wails
47. "_ _ already." (Reply to a donation request)
48. Rolling Stones album: '_ _ Bleed'
49. Top-notches
50. Certain CFL-er, curtly
54. Bandar _ Begawan (Brunei's capital)
55. Port city of Algeria
57. Universal principle
58. Stomach muscles, commonly

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
A change in your social or professional standing is likely, but will it be a change for the better or a change for the worse? If you are offered something new but slightly scary ... go for it!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You can turn a minor success into a major triumph today, simply by letting others help you complete what you started. Don't let pride of creation or ownership stop you from sharing your good ideas.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Don't waste time worrying about something that is about as likely to happen as the Sun rising in the west. The planets warn you are wasting time and energy fretting.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try not to criticize a colleague for what goes wrong today, even if it is clearly their fault. Most likely they will feel even worse about it than you do, so let them know you don't blame them.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Something you are working on may look complicated but actually it is really quite simple. Talk to someone who knows what they are doing in this area and before long you will be as big an expert as they are, maybe bigger.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It never hurts to be careful but there is a fine line between caution and outright mistrust and if you cross that line today you may regret it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be tempted to tackle ten things at once today so that you can begin to get on top of your workload again. Set yourself a sensible schedule and tackle just one thing at a time.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A colleague may tell you that a job has to be done a certain way but if your instincts tell you otherwise then trust yourself and do it your way. What's the worst that can happen?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't commit yourself to anything too strenuous today. Save your energy — physical, mental and emotional — for tomorrow and over the weekend when difficult tasks will be easier to handle.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may have to do something you don't particularly enjoy today but if you knuckle down and get on with it you should finish in good time. More importantly, of course, you must make a good job of it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
No matter what interesting events you have lined up for the day you will have to postpone at least one of them so you can help a friend or family member who desperately needs your assistance.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't try to hide your feelings today because others will see right through you. Being such a sensitive soul you are rarely able to disguise your true emotions.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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